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Missile site mushroom clouds blamed for deaths



The area around Sari Ozek in Kazakhstan, where it is claimed people are dying of radiation-related diseases IN ALMA ATA

KAZAKH shepherds and their flocks are dying in mysterious circumstances around a secret military site, believed to have been used for dismantling the first generation of Soviet nuclear bombs.

Residents have become so alarmed that they are blaming the deaths on the destruction in the late 1980s of the nuclear missiles covered by the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty. "On our farm 15 people have died and so many of our sheep and cattle have dropped dead that we are close to starving," Bahid Abrov Akybyelyv said. His family lives on a collective farm with 3,000 members which borders on Sari Ozek in the Takly Kurgan region close to Lake Balkash and about 150km north of Aima Ata, capital of Kazakhstan.

The restricted zone covers about 100 square miles. Western experts

confirmed that people living close to the area had become increasingly 'paranoid" in recent years over possible radioactive contamination. However, responsibility could not be blamed on the destruction of the INF missiles, they said. American officials at the On-Site

Inspection Agency in Washington, the body responsible for monitoring the destruction of the missiles, confirmed there had been considerable environmental pollution because of the methods used by the Russians. "But there was no radiation involved because the warheads are removed and none of the missile parts is radioactive," an official at the US agency said last night.

The official, who confirmed that there was an INF missile elimination site in the Taldy Kurgan area, said: "If there had been radiation, we would have had a lot of Americans falling ill and dying as well." Mr Akybyelyv remains convinced, howev-

er, that there have been radioactive leaks in the area. The lack of official information has encouraged the community to believe that any explosions from the site have been radioactive.

Trained as a physics teacher, Mr Akybyelyv came to Alma Ata when his family and other members of the collective farm asked him to plead their cause with the authorities. "We have seen blue-and-black mushroom clouds and the earth has trembled, shattering windows and cracking The US official said that American

inspectors who had monitored the Soviet missile decommissioning had been unhappy with the techniques being used. He said they tended to blow up the missiles, without their warheads, in unsophisticated ways, causing big explosions and the formation of "mushroom-shaped" clouds.
The last INF missiles were de-

stroyed at the site in October 1989 but Mr Akybyelyv said the explosions

have continued. An army at the Kazakhstan military headquarters in Alma Ata denied all knowledge of further explosions at Sari Ozek.

Large parts of Kazakhstan are a nuclear wasteland as it was here that Moscow has been testing its nuclear bombs. They were first exploded above ground and later an underground test centre was opened at Seminalatinsk in northcast Kazakhstan. It was closed in 1989 but not before an active anti-nuclear movement called "Semipalatinsk-Nevada" developed. Its symbol has a Red Indian and a Kazakh nomad sharing a peace pipe. After the wide publicity given to the radiation victims around Semipalatinsk. Mr Akybyelyv is certain his people are suffering the same

"At first we began to suffer head-aches and high blood pressure, then in 1989 a number of young children died from leukaemia. Several older Continued on page 16, col 5

Two out of

five snub

poll tax

surcharges

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT ALMOST two fifths of adults say they will refuse to pay the poll tax surcharges imposed to make up for shortfalls

caused by the failure of others

An opinion poll carried out by NOP for the Local

to pay the community charge.

Government Chronicle and

the BBC Public Eye pro-

gramme in the 50 most mar-

ginal constituencies found

that the poll tax was still capable of influencing voters.

tioned, 38 per cent said they

would refuse to pay the sur-charges, which will be as high

as £57 in London and are

expected to average £11

The main finding of the

poll, that Labour had a 5 per

cent lead over the Tories in

the 50 marginals, was leaked

on Wednesday night. The full

results, published yesterday,

influence of the poll tax. More

than one in four Tory voters

who said they would switch

allegiance at the election

named the poll tax as their

main reason for defecting

Fewer than one in ten of

voters said that if a cut in poll

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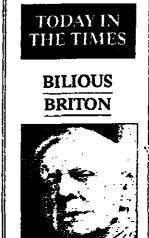
the Budget they would be more likely to vote Tory and

80 per cent said a cut would

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across England and Wales.

Of the 1,000 voters ques-



Anthony Burgess tells why he will not yet return from exile Life & Times Page 1

INSPIRING ENGLAND?



How much did Van Gogh's visit to Britain influence his work? Life & Times Page 3

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British skill with television costume sagas is still non-U Page 12 and Life & Times Page 3

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Irish judgment opens way to legal abortion

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT minister, who is expected to

discuss the case with opposi-

tion leaders, refused to dis-

cuss the implications of the

THE Supreme Court in Dublin yesterday ruled that abortion is legal in Ireland under the constitution, prompting speculation that legislation may be introduced to allow it in certain circumstances.

The court was explaining the judgment it handed down last week, which overturned an injunction preventing a teenage rape victim from travelling abroad to terminate her pregnancy. The judges said they had reached their 4-1 majority decision because the girl might com-mit suicide if she was forced

to have the baby.

Albert Reynolds, the prime

Labour and **Tories level**

The Conservatives and Labour were exactly neck and neck at 38.5 per cent each in the latest opinion poll carried out by Gallup for the Daily Telegraph. The Liberal Democrats were on 18.5 per cent; if repeated in a general elec-tion, the result would be a

hung parliament. £4 bn giveaway, page 7 Leading article, page 13

NHS claim

The government said that a record fall of 30 per cent in a month in the number of patients waiting more than two years for opera-tions proved that health service reforms were a Page 2

Guards shot

Two security guards were wounded and a police car was hijacked at gunpoint in a city-centre chase in Southampton Page 2

Sea collision

Three men were rescued from a North Sea trawler after its bow had been sliced off in a collision with a merchant ship Page 3

Kerrey quits

Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska became the first casualty of the American presidential primary race when he announced he was quitting...... Page 10

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ruling until it had been studied in detail. A spokesman said, however, that the government was keeping its options open and a second referendum could still be held to amend the pro-life constitutional clause. The ruling means that the giri, aged 14, could have an abortion in Ireland, although

it is unlikely to be available to her. The Supreme Court has shown that despite the constitutional ban, the pro-life clause does provide for terminations to some cases. As this is the first time the amendment has been tested in the courts, no legal abortions have been performed in Ireland since the constitution

was changed in 1983. Mr Justice Thomas Finlay, the Lord Chief Justice, told a packed court yesterday that if it was established as probability that there was a real or substantial risk to the life, rather than the health, of the mother, then abortion was permissible. Neither the girl nor her parents were in court. The ruling was welcomed

by liberal groups, but the pro-life movement was dismayed by the judgment, which it regarded as compromising the principle that the unborn child should be protected in all circumstances. The Society for the Protection of Un-born Children said it would not comment until it had studied the judgment, but it added that the decision ap-peared to legalise abortion in Ireland. The Roman Catholic church, which did not com-



Finlay: risk to mother's life justifies abortion

ment yesterday, is expected to discuss the ruling at a meeting of bishops in Maynooth, Co Kildare, next week.

The key to the ruling was the court's interpretation of the mother's right to life, which is also enshrined in the constitutional amendment. The clause says: "The state acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that

right."
Mr Justice Finlay said the clause must be interpreted with "prudence, justice and clarity". Quoting evidence before the High Court, which imposed the injunction, that the girl had expressed a desire to kill herself on a number of occasions, he argued that there was a substantial risk to her life and it could only be safeguarded by allowing a termination. "It is common sense that the threat of selfdestruction such as that outlined in this case cannot be

monitored," he told the court. By interpreting the clause in this way, Mr Justice Finlay has overturned the view of Mr. Justice Declan Costello, the High Court judge. He said the risk that the teenager might take her own life was "much less and of a different order of magnitude than the certainty that the life of the unborn will be terminated" if an abortion was allowed.

A second Supreme Court judge criticised successive governments for failing to legislate guidelines more than eight years after the constitution had been amended, since the clause was "bare of legislative direction". Mr Justice Niall Mc-Carthy said this was not just unfortunate but inexcusable.

Only one judge, Mr Justice Anthony Hederman, dissent-ed. He argued that there was a "remarkable paucity" of evidence that the girl might take her own life. He said that the evidence there was did not justify withdrawing from the foctus the protection it had been guaranteed by the High Court injunction. "The state must, in princi-

ple, act in accordance with the mother's duty to carry out the pregnancy and, in principle, must also outlaw termi-



The wizard of Oz: Ian Botham celebrating one of his four wickets in England's World Cup triumph against Australia in Sydney yesterday

To Keating from Botham, with love

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

embattled prime minister, has spent the past week urging his countrymen to shake the English influence out of their hair. He had reckoned

without Ian Botham.
Yesterday at the Sydney
Cricket Ground, in the biggest match so far of the cricket World Cup, Botham took four wickets in seven balls and then scored a rumbustious 53 as England won by even now be virtually eliminated from a competition which they began as

PAUL Keating, Australia's he smirked to an Australian interviewer later. Ever since he first burst on to the Test scene, against Greg Chappell's 1977 Australians, Botham has made it his business to antagonise

England's oldest cricketing foe. The defeat was Australia's third in four World Cup games. But for their one-run win against India, they would

favourites. "They are down," said Botham with unmistak-able relish, before adding with a hint of regret, "but they are not out just yet." Almost 40,000 people

squeezed into the atmospher-ic ground last night; most of them were filing out again long before Robin Smith hit the winning run. Allan Border, Australia's captain, is a Continued on page 16, col 2

Viv Richards, page 30 England's victory, page 32

How 'Hello' won the first of the phoney wars

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN.NEW YORK

FOR all those worried about the etiquette of answering cell phones in bars or the correct greeting for voice mail, a New York professor has come up with an intriguing historical nugget. If Thomas Edison's idea had not beaten

ing the phone with a cheery "Ahoy!" After burrowing for five years in the archives of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T), Allen Koenigsberg, a classicist at Brooklyn College, has solved what the experts call the "hello puzzle" by finding proof that Edison coined the greeting to start a

Alexander Bell's, we could all be answer-

friend that a hearty "Hello" seemed the

best way of attracting someone's attention and also for answering. He apparently adapted the word from the older hunting call "Hulloo" and the British "Hallo!", that expression of surprise favoured until recently by London policemen. When he invented the phonograph in July 1877, Edison yelled the hunting "Halloo!" into the mouthpiece. Mr Koenigsberg said. Neither "Hallo" nor "Hullo" was used as a greeting, as

the Oxford dictionary points out.

Beli had been insisting that any chat
on his instrument should be opened
with an "Alloy!", a low-technology utterance he would have learnt in his Scottick childhood. tish childhood.

When the New Haven exchange telephone call.

In a letter in August 1877, a year after Bell patented his invention and six months before the first public exchange opened in Connecticut, Edison told a chimal bout it, and the official "What is wanted?" recommended by the Connecticut opened in Connecticut, Edison told a chimal bout it, and a chimal bout it, and a chimal bout it. who published his finding in the An-

tique Phonograph Monthly, "Why didn't Stanley say hello to Livingstone? The word didn't exist." The American "Hello" proved a social liberator. "The phone overnight cut right through the 19th-century etiquette that you don't speak to anyone unless you've been introduced," Mr Koenigsberg told The New York Times.

By the mid-1890s, telephone operators in America and London were known as "hello girls", as the OED records, but the discovery of the letter will force a revision in the dictionary which now dates the first reported "Hello" to 1883. Mr Koenigsberg even unearthed a telephonic "hello" in a Mark

Twain sketch of 1880.

Mr Koenigsberg's report comes as AT&T this week said it would phase out human operators and replace them with computers which recognise instructions from the human voice, including, one supposes, "Hello".



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VENTURE A LITTLE HIGHER FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY QUALITY IN AN AGE OF CHANGE

Cuts in waiting lists hit other patients, specialists claim

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A RECORD fall of 30 per cent in a month in the number of patients waiting more than two years for operations proved the success of health service reforms, William Waldegrave the health secretary said yesterday. But Labour produced nine distinguished specialists who said that the reforms were misconceived and unsatisfactory.

Mr Waldegrave released figures showing that hospitals, which have been holding weekends, had cleared almost 9,000 patients from the twoyear list in January alone, leaving just over 20,000 to be treated by his self-imposed deadline of the end of this month. "At that rate I think we will achieve our target."

However, he later admitted that the number waiting less than one year had risen by

Ulster's power stations' are sold

BY ROSS TIEMAN

THE government has agreed the £353 million sale of Northern Ireland's power stations to three bidders, including British Gas, paving the way for the introduction of

natural gas to the province. The sale of the generating plants is the prelude to the planned stock market flotation of the rump of Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE) as a distribution and supply busi-ness later this year. Disposal of the province's electricity industry has also been exploited to integrate its energy industry with that of mainland Britain.

British Gas, which is to buy the Ballylumford power sta-tion for £132.4 million, will convert it to burn gas. Under the agreement, the pipeline necessary to feed the power station will have spare capacity so that gas supplies can be restored elsewhere in the

Two power stations, Belfast West and Kilroot, will be bought by a consortium made up of Applied Energy Services of the United States and Tractebel, a Belgian energy utility, for £214 million. Coolkeeragh power station will be bought by a group of managers and employees of

NIE for £6.5 million. At a press conference in Belfast with represenatives of the four buyers. Richard Needham, Northern Ireland economy and energy minis-ter, denied that the £353 million sale was timed to release money for a pre-election

It was the culmination of up to five years' work in planning and, latterly in detailed and complex negotiations, he

With an agreement now signed with the European Commission, under which Brussels would meet 35 per cent of the costs of the gas pipeline and an electrical interconnector from Scotland, Ulster's former heavy dependence upon imported oil and coal, both for electricity generation and domestic heating, would be eased. The community would see economic and environmental an extra 3.270 patients in January (0.4 per cent), although the overall waiting list trend was still downward.

Labour's specialists - notably more eminent than those who have spoken for the government - criticised his aim of clearing the two-year lists by the end of next month for diverting resources from needier patients. "It means you are shifting the waiting list by reducing the list for cold [routine] surgery but in-creasing it in casualty," Pro-fessor John Moxham, consultant in thoracic medicine at King's College Hospital, east London, said.

Sir Douglas Black, former president of the Royal College of Physicians, described the idea of the internal market as misconceived. Sir Christopher Booth, past president of the British Medical Association, said there was evidence of creeping privatisation. Pro-fessor Robert Winston, an infertility specialist at Hammersmith Hospital, west London, said doctors had to be concerned with cost "but they are having to make it a sine qua non of treating

Earlier, Mr Waldegrave told the Institute of Health Services Management that the NHS was on course to treat 5.6 per cent more acute in-patients this year, 7.9 million in all, on the basis of figures for the first nine months of the reforms. But Robin Cook, for Labour, disputed this figure too. Returns from regional health authorities showed a 10 per cent fail in patients treated in the last three months of last year, he said, implying a year-end total of 7.45 million.

The real figures reveal that William Waldegrave has in-flated his forecast by half a million patients who are not really there," he said.

Mr Waldegrave also an-nounced a big expansion of the GP fundholding scheme with 280 practices joining the

expected in April next year. By then, one in four people would be registered with a GP fundholder, he said.

In an uncharacteristic attack on Labour's record, a measure of the rising political temperature over the NHS, Mr Waldegrave claimed that the last Labour government had cut capital spending on the NHS by 30 per cent. The Conservative government had increased it by 76 per cent since 1979, he said. But he again fell foul of

claimed that spending on the NHS since 1979 as a proportion of gross domestic product had risen faster than the European Community aver-"It is true that the amount of resources has increased but we are still right at the bottom of the European table for spending as a percentage of GDP, with the exception of Greece," Professor Philip Steer, head of the department of obstetrics at Charing Cross Hospital, said.

Mr Cook had been scheduled to appear on the same conference platform as Mr Waldegrave but his place was taken at the last minute by health spokesman Harriet Harman. Furious delegates called Mr Cook's failure to turn up "a disgrace". Mr Cook said his absence was because he was chairing the Westminster news conference to "enable those who work in the health service to comment on the claims that are being made on their behalf by min isters". He added that Mr Waldegrave decided to attend when he found out Mr Cook would not be up against him. D Peter Griffiths, chief executive of Guy's and Lewisham trust, told MPs that he was setting up an independent enquiry into allegations that



Gunman's victim: David Loveridge, one of two security guards shot yesterday, being taken to hospital

Cash raiders shoot security guards

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN ARMED robber was being hunted last night after two security guards were wounded and a police car was hijacked at gunpoint in a city centre chase. Police cordoned off a residential area of Southampton during the search for the man, aged about 30 and described as

dangerous.

Detectives began questioning another man held after the hijacked police car was halted by unarmed police who rammed it and forced it to stop. The two guards, named as

brief the press in advance to

discredit the poll and to take the steam out of it. A Conser-

vative press conference on

Wednesday provided the ide-

al opportunity. A senior min-ister briefed unattributably half a dozen political report-

ers about a survey whose find-ings he described as "bilge."

strategists expected the re-porters to write up the poll results, as most did. The

Tories were on thin ground in

attacking the poll's method-ology. NOP's rivals were

quick to come to its aid, even

those who work privately for

the Conservative party. The

methods that were used were

standard practice, press

enquirers were told.

It is not clear if the Tory

Peter Tatum, aged 35, and David Loveridge, aged 44, both from the Southampton area, received emergency treatment in hospital. Mr Tatum was shot once and Mr Loveridge two or three times. They are not thought to be critically injured.

The guards were attacked as they were delivering cash to a bank in Southampton High Street. Derek Watts, a business consultant who saw the attack, said he heard shouting and saw the guards struggling with one of the men. "Suddenly, another

robber with a hand gun stepped back and shouted 'Give us the money'. He then shot one of the guards at least three times," Mr Watts said: "It was a barbaric act and completely in cold blood. The guy didn't even As the guards lay bleeding,

the raiders fled on a highpowered motor-cycle clutch-ing bags of cash. After dumping the vehicle half a mile away at the Centre 2000 swimming pool, they drove off in a white Astra car. Police Sergeant David

Parties polls apart in the

Sawle spotted the stolen Astra, gave chase in his patrol car and cornered the Astra. As he attempted to contact other officers, one of the robbers tore his radio microphone from his uniform.

Another policeman, PC Clive Brook, tried to arrest them but they escaped in his patrol car after threatening him with a pistol.

Within mimutes, the rob-bers' car was halted after police jammed their vehicle next to the driver's door, trapping the driver. The sec-

Robert Waller, of Harris,

The definitive objective

study of the question is Nine

Hypotheses about quota

sampling by two academics. Catherine Marsh and Elinor

Scarbrough, published by the Market Research Society last year. It shows that there are

'large differences" between

samples using the two

However, some psepholo-

gists have yet to be persuaded

that random sampling proves

better in practice. They point

out that the method depends

on how successful pollsters are in contacting everyone

selected from the register.

Harris achieves an imperfect

70 per cent. "There is noth-

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Professor ivor Crewe, of Es-

convinced, either, of the supe-

riority of marginal over nat-

ional polls. In theory, it is

better to poll only in the seats

that could change hands.

Labour could be ahead na-

tionally because it is piling up

votes in its safe seats. But

under Britain's single mem-

ber constituency electoral sys-tem, that would not win it any

In practice, marginal poll-

ing has a mixed record. In the

1987 election, marginal polls by Mori for *The Times* pre-dicted the Tory landslide. But

one marginal poll before polling day suggested that Lab-

our was doing much better in

marginal seats. When real

votes were counted, this mar-

ginal effect did not

materialise. "There is no rea-

son why marginal polls

should be worse," Professor

Crewe said. "But in fact they

have been worse."

extra seats.

Most psephologists are not

quota samples correct bias,

sex University, said.

methods.

injures five police A car bomb containing up to

Car bomb

1,000lb of explosives injured five policemen and two women and devastated a town centre yesterday.

The bomb was driven into Lurgan, Co Armagh, in a pick-up truck. A second high-jacked vehicle carried other members of the gang, police said yesterday. They appealed for information about a gold Vauxhall Cavalier car believed to have been used by the bombers.

A warning had been issued and the area was being cleared when the bomb exploded. The injured officers were guarding a security cordon; three were detained in hospital with leg injuries. Workmen have begun repair-ing shattered houses in the immediate area of the blast in Market Street.
Another car bomb serious-

ly damaged government buildings in Belfast early yes-terday, when the offices of the housing executive were particularly badly hit.

A British soldier was iniured yesterday afternoon in a bomb explosion on the Tyrone-Monaghan border. The soldier was caught in the blast at a point known as Savour Royal in South Ty-rone. The RUC said his condition was not serious but he had been detained in hospital.

Doctors given job-share plan

The heads of Britain's mediradical plan to ease the plight of overworked junior doctors. It involves the sharing of each junior post by two doctors, cutting their workload and

improving supervision.

Medical students now spend five years in training before qualifying, followed by a year on the wards before admission as fully fledged doctors. Under the plan, they would qualify six months or a year earlier and spend two pre-registration years on the wards.

Listen to youth, princess says

Young people are so exposed to crime that many see it as normal behaviour and a way of settling differences and getting what they want, the Princess Royal said yesterday.

The Princess told a meeting of Crime Concern in London that that attitude needed to be changed and urged society to listen to the views of young people. She said young people learnt more about values from the way they were treated than from a lecture. She said surveys showed that children and teenagers had a "shockingly high" level of contact with crime.

Police tribunal

A special tribunal will sit next month at Scotland Yard to assess the case of Wyn Jones, working with a lay adviser on police matters. His report will be sent to Sir Peter Imbert.

for 17 years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after the attempted murder of a detective, who was shot through the heart in a drugs raid. Judge Richardson, QC said Det Constable Paul Hughes, aged 28, had survived only by a "miracle". Sammy Lewis, aged 22, of Kilburn, northwest London. was lured into a police ambush in March last year.

They also serve The government is proposing to create an "ever ready" force of former service personnel and civilians who would be liable to early call up in the event of another war. The plan is to encourage people with specialist expertise to back up the regulars. Tom King, the defence secretary, published an open government document yesterday

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Leaking of opinion poll in marginals

Tory HQ points finger of guilt at unnamed reporter

four cardiac patients had died because there was not

enough money to treat them

AN UNIDENTIFIED journalist was fingered by Conser-vative Central Office last night as the source of a leak which caused the results of an opinion poll of marginal seats to be emblazoned

across yesterday's papers.
Suspicions had wrongly centred on Michael Portillo. the local government minister, who learned on Tuesday of the results of a poll of 50

Government Chonicle and the BBC2 Public Eve programme was shown to Mr Portillo on Tuesday at his request by John Andrew. a reporter on the programme, when he was being interviewed about its findings. Bryan Gould, his Labour shadow who was also questioned, was given the same information.

Mr Portillo reacted furiously last night when accused by Mr Gould of leaking the poll. It was a breach of faith, Mr Gould fulminated, "Mr Portillo and I were interviewed on the strict understanding that the poll findings were confi-

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Philip Webster disentangles the web of claim and counter claim to find the truth of the disclosure

dential until broadcast." Mr Portillo accused Mr Gould of a "libellous attack." He had not leaked the poll. "I marginal seats giving Labour a dramatic 5 point lead. The NOP poll for the Local understand that details of the poll were supplied to Conservative Central Office by a journalist and that central office passed the details to other journalists."

A senior minister leaked the details of the poll to journalists on Wednesday. Mr Portillo said last night that he had told a central office colleague of the results of the poll but had been assured confidentiality had not been broken.

Mr Portillo knew nothing of the briefing to journalists on Wednesday. He admitted he was taken aback to see yesterday that it had leaked. He said he had been assured by central office that his information had not been the basis of the briefing given by the senior minister to journalists.

However it reached them. Tory strategists realised that a poll suggesting a 7 2 point swing to Labour in the seats vital to the outcome of the election might have had a disastrous effect on morale. What was worse, they did not A decision was taken to Poll tax rebels,page 1 Peter Riddell, page 12 Leading article, page 13



furious

formula for winning votes LABOUR could expect a ma-

jority of 35 over the Tories if NOP's poll published in the Local Government Chronicle yesterday is repeated on polling day, leaving them only a few seats short of an overall majority. The poll, conducted with a

sample of 1,000 in the 50 most marginal Tory seats last Wednesday, shows a swing there of 7 2 points from Tory to Labour since the 1987 general election. This sug-gests that Labour would win 317 seats in the next House of Commons, compared with 283 for the Tories.

With recent nationwide polls showing the two parties neck and neck, this is a demoralising result for the Tories Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, said yesterday that a poll which "involved inter-viewing probably 20 people on the street" was not regarded by them as representative. Asked about the polls, the

party has played down nat-ional poiling. It has instead cited its private polls conducted in marginal constituen-cies. There, they claim to be several percentage points The party has been polling in the marginals using the Harris Research Centre.

Harris's sample of more than 4,000 is larger than NOP's, but above 1,000, sample size makes only a small difference to poli accuracy.

Mr Patten is obviously

Different methods of conducting surveys can be a big influence on their results, writes

David Lipsey between his knocking of NOP and his promotion of his own polls - and his remarks hint at the Tory defence. The relevant phrase is "on the street". For its Tory polling, Harris is using an unusual technique. Most pollsters, including NOP, use what is called a quota sample. Interviewers are asked to find respondents

who fit a certain description. The number interviewed in each category corresponds with the proportion in that category in the country as a whole. This is standard practice for national polls, but it is more difficult to apply in indi-vidual seats where class data in particular is not available. The Tories argue that this

method distorts the results. Interviewers choose people meeting these descriptions on the street. But they may not be typical. For example, since y are on the street, they are unlikely to be people who work long hours in the office. The Tories argue that those who work long hours are

more likely to vote for them. Harris interviews voters chosen at random off the electoral register. "It must be methodologically superior,"

Cheeses avoid the traps of EC law

THE Prince of Wales need not worry about the future of French farmhouse cheeses for they are not in danger, the EC commissioner in charge of food hygiene in the single market said

Martin Bangemann, German commissioner and noted Brussels trencherman, wrote yesterday to the prince who recently supported a campaign by the makers of French local cheeses against new regulations being prepared by the EC.

The prince's Paris speech has attracted widespread attention in France where objections to over-regulation by Brussels have increased dramatically. Herr Bangemann said that in framing new rules the Commission was trying to balance the "need to maintain free informed choice with the imperatives

Herr Bangemann pointed out that

farmhouse cooks you refer to will not be subjected to the methods appropriate to a large industrial concern." Mr Bangemann quotes - but misspells -Laurence Sterne writing that "they order . . . this matter better in France' This is right for cheese, the commis

of consumer safety". He said that no one in Brussels wanted to confine Europe's culinary riches in a straitjacket

> store for the past 18 months, mortgaged her home to buy the business.

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the assistant commissioner suspended in 1990 after allegations of impropriety. The tribunal, expected to sit in private, will be held by a QC the commissioner of the Metropolitan police, and the home secretary.

Dealer jailed A "crack" dealer was jailed

calling on employers to give their views on the proposal.

Leading article, page 13 sioner said, and it would be "a sad day the first proposals for a change in rules governing cheese labels came from Britain after scares about germs lurk-ing in tasty cheeses. The British ideas for all if this glorious French heritage were to be pasteurised and homogenised out of existence". were rejected as likely to spell the end Britain's most famous cheese shop of many "delicious" cheeses. has been saved, by one of its assistants. To avoid having the Continent's farmhouses patrolled by "bacteriologi-The Wells Stores, for 35 years the headquarters of Patrick Rance who spearheaded a campaign to promote and protect real farmhouse cheese. cal" police, Herr Bangemann says that he has drawn up flexible codes and procedures for checking food safety went into receivership last month after which can be adjusted to different foods and different sizes of firms. Mr Rance's son, Hugh, had the busi-ness moved from Streatley, Berkshire, "In this way," he wrote to the prince, "the traditional knowledge and skills to larger premises in Abingdon, Oxfordshire. will be drawn on to a maximum and the Gill Draycott, who has worked in the

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Baby-sit girl, Crew saved after ship bow is severed aged 11, killed child who cried

ordered to be detained for life

when she appeared at

Newcastle. She has since

The judge in yesterday's

During the trial the court

case postponed sentence for

medical and probation re-ports on the girl.

was told that the girl became

irritated by Sean's persistent

crying and ran upstairs to attack him in his cot. She had

been paid £3.50 to look after

him and his sister, Kirsty, aged four, in Blyth, North-umberland, while their moth-

er, Karen Graham, aged 23,

The jury was told that Sean received 25 injuries when his

head was banged against the

cot bars and his neck

squeezed before his air supply

was cut off. When Mrs Gra-

ham, who is separated from her husband, returned home

from a night out with her boy

friend, the baby-sitter told her

the evening had "gone fine".

Some time later Mrs Gra-

ham, a former nursery nurse, went upstairs to check on her

children and found her son

After the verdict yesterday

Mrs Graham said: "I just want this nightmare to end. I

hope she gets the help she

really needs because there is

something sadly the matter with her. I have had to be

strong for Kirsty's sake."
The baby-sitter claimed

that she had not harmed Sean while she was in the

house. She said that blood-

stains on her jeans and socks, which matched the boy's

blood group, had come from a cousin who had been visit-

ing the house that evening

when Sean dropped his feed-

ing bottle and cut his lip. The prosecution said that she had

attacked Sean in a temper

when his cries disturbed a

The girl is expected to stay at the Aycliffe Centre for Children in Co Durham,

which houses some of the

country's most dangerous

and disturbed youngsters.

card game.

dead in his cot.

A GIRL aged 11 who lost her temper when she was babysitting and attacked an 18month-old boy because he would not stop crying was found guilty of his man-

slaughter yesterday. She battered Sean Graham against the bars of his cot and suffocated him by nipping his nose with her fingers and clamping her hand across his mouth. When the boy's mother returned home the babysitter told her that the evening had gone "fine" and left the

The girl, who is now aged 12, cried when the jury of eight men and four women found her guilty of man-slaughter after a nine-day trial at Newcastle upon Tyne crown court. She was deared of murder.

The girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is believed to be the youngest female to be convicted in a British court of killing since Mary Bell 24 years ago; a boy aged 11 was found guilty of manslaughter in Lancashire in 1990.

Bell, aged 11, was convicted of the manslaughter of two boys, aged four and three, by smothering them, and was

French named as biggest cheats

BY RAY CLANCY

THE French are Europe's least trustworthy citizens and are more likely to buy stolen Listen to your goods, claim state benefits to which they are not entitled and drive off after hitting a parked car, according to a

survey published yesterday. The British are litter louts, the Belgains tax cheats, the Italians economical with the truth, the Dutch joyriders and the Germans most likely

to be drunk drivers. Only Denmark emerges as having a righteous popula-tion in the survey by the European Value Systems Study Group, a network of academics who questioned 19,000 people in 13 countries. Danes are least likely to accept bribes, buy stolen goods, drop

litter or drink and drive. The Norwegians are moralistic when it comes to claiming state benefits, with 95 per cent saying that it was never or rarely justified. The Swedes adopt a stern line on drinking and driving, 99 per

cent objecting strongly.
The people of Northern Ireland emerged as more moral than their counterparts in the rest of the United Kingdom. The northern Irish were the least likely to avoid tax, take part in joyriding or keep mon-

ey found in the street.

The Portuguese are the biggest fare dodgers and the most likely to keep money found in the street. Spaniards also show a high level of fare avoidance, joyriding and

keeping lost money.
Suggestions why the French had an image of cheating was that many were fed up with the system and showed a waning interest in the church, and that civic from the school curriculum.

THREE men rescued from a trawler early yesterday after the vessel's bow was sliced off by a merchant ship in the North Sea were lucky to have survived, coastguards said. The crew of the Grimsby-

registered Suromaa broadcast a Mayday message about lam saying that the trawier had been struck by a cargo boat, 30 miles northeast of Whitby. The trawler's bow had been sliced off, the hull was taking in water and her skipper feared she would

A transport department spokesman said that the merchantman had been identified by another fishing boat in the area. Investigators believe they know the name of the vessel, which had a foreign registration and was expected to dock in Britain yesterday, he said. An RAF helicopter from

Leconfield airlifted the three crew from the trawler and flew them to Whitby. A coastguard spokesman said that the men, all from Hartlepool, were shaken and had been cut and bruised.

Alan Greenwood, aged 29, the skipper of the Summaa, was on watch in the wheelhouse at the time of the accident. His brother Darren, aged 25, and Malcolm Gretton, aged 21, were asleep below.

Mr Gretton said that he as woken by a loud bang. Was worken by a round way.
When we got on deck we saw the front of the boat had been hit, and it was taking in water. I could see the outline of a ship as it sailed on." After the air rescue, the

Whitby lifeboat towed the drifting trawler back to port.
Steve Smith, of Caley Fisheries, owners of the trawler, said: "The lads have been very shocked and distressed by the incident. But they are alive. It all happened very quickly and it is a mystery where the other boat got to. Mr Gretton criticised the

captain and crew of the other vessel. "They should have stopped. They must have known they hit something." Marine accident investigators from the transport department yesterday launched an enquiry into the collision, which took place

outside UK territorial wa-

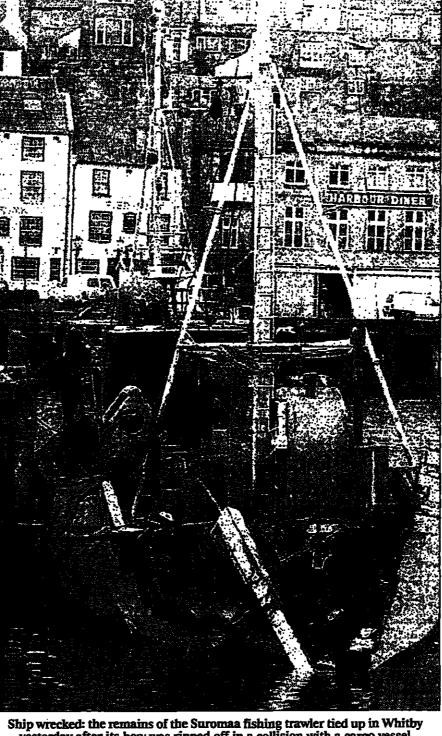
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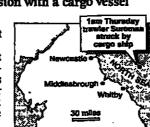
and will interview the trawl-



yesterday after its bow was ripped off in a collision with a cargo vessel

weather was calm with good ing fast and lives were put at visibility when the collision risk. occurred. Arnold Harper, a Whitby lifeboatman who examined the Suromaa after she had been towed into port, said: "Judging by the damage caused, the other

waiting to happen. Unfortunately, many vessel owners are involved in minor scrapes and just sail off. But this is far more serious," he



Tough line urged on office sex pests

By Allson Roberts AND RICHARD FORD

EMPLOYERS were urged to take tougher action against sexual harassment yesterday. An employment department leaflet dealing with bottompinching, innuendo and intimidation will be sent to 100,000 companies.

The leader says that sexual harassment "can seriously affect the confidence of your employees and consequently how well they do their jobs." Guidelines are laid down

for employers consistent with the European Commission's recommended code of practice. Sexual harassment is defined as "unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, or other conduct based on sex affecting the dignity of women and men at work". It recommends drawing up a company policy and explains the procedures to be followed

after a complaint. The guidelines come after a survey earlier this year which said victims were more likely than their persecutors to be forced to switch jobs.

Many large firms have a working code already in place. The Post Office equal opportunities manager, Ken Best, is in charge of the group's policy. He said: "It was introduced in 1989 and we have seen more cases since then, probably because it is easier for women to come forward. It has put sexual harassment on managers' agendas and forces people to take it seriously."

Brenda Wilkinson, women's officer for Brighton borough council, introduced its code in 1990. She said: "We concentrated on creating a network of sympathetic women, and it was women that came to us rather than men, so that there was always someone to go to."

In a move to improve equal opportunity in the civil service, government departments will have to set targets for the proportion of women to be appointed to different grades. Ministers want an increase in the number of women appointed to science and engineering posts in Whitehall and the semi-independent agencies and an improvement in their represen-

Clamper stalked disabled driver

A zealous wheel clamper who stalked a disabled woman before fining her £45 has been dismissed.

Clampdown Security yesterday admitted that the warden waited for wheelchairbound Gillian Matthews. aged 55, to go to the shops in the Old George Mali in Salisbury, Wiltshire, before clamping her Ford Escort.

David Dalton, a company spokesman, said that the warden hid while she parked her car. "It was very naughty. He has been dismissed. He was not suitable - he was over zealous." He said that wardens' wages depended on the number of motorists they clamp. The firm would gladly refund Mrs Matthews.

Mrs Manhews, who lives near Wincanton, Somersel, said that she was allowed to park in a service area.

£11 m reserve

The biggest man-made costing £11 million and covering 2,500 acres in Teesside, is to be inaugurated by Michael Heseltine the environment secretary in London on Monday. Habitats will be created in reedbeds, grass-land, swamp, saltmarsh and woodlands. The site, formerly owned by ICI and centred on the Tees estuary, is used by wading birds and wildfowl.

Guilty drivers

Three in five motorists are breaking motorway speed limits, according to figures published by the transport department yesterday. Hidden detectors checked five million motorway cars. Nearly one in four were driven at more than 80mph. Surveys on other roads showed that almost one in three buses and coaches exceeded the 60mph

Trader jailed

A securities dealer was jailed for two and a half years yesterday for using his clients' money to try to rescue his ailing group. Andrew Taylor Kimmins. aged 33, of Putney, southwest London, who admitted two charges of fraudulent trading in relation to Blade Securities and Blade Investments, committed "serious breaches of trust", said Judge Anwyl-Davies, OC. Southwark crown court.

Checks could cut bowel cancer risk

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SCREENING everyone for signs of bowel cancer could save thousands of lives, re-searchers from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund said

An examination at the age of 55 would identify those at higher risk of cancer, who would undergo regular checks and have pre-cancerous growths removed. Dr Jack Cusick, of the fund, said yesterday that such a screening programme could reduce by 80 per cent the 6,000 deaths every year in Britain from cancer of the rectum.

In today's issue of The New England Journal of Medi-cine, the fund's Dr Wendy Atkin and Dr Cusick, and Dr Basil Morson, of St Mark's hospital. London, describe a study of 1,618 patients re-ferred to St Mark's with com-mon bowel problems, and who had at least one precancerous growth. They foilowed the patients' progress for an average of 14 years. The study found that about

half those with a growth were at no greater risk than the rest of the population. Only about 5 per cent needed repeated

A second study in the same journal, by an American group led by Dr Joe Selby, of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program in Oakpatients who had been screened within the past ten years had a 60 to 70 per cent reduction in the risk of death from rectal or colon cancer.

□ Dietary changes and cholesterol lowering drugs can reverse the narrowing of arteries in patients with coro-nary heart disease, a seven-

year study at St Thomas's hospital, London, has shown. In a trial of 90 men, 38 per cent of those on cholesterol lowering treatments showed a widening of their arteries, against only 4 per cent of those receiving normal care.

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Law lords reject plea over deaths

By Frances Gibb Legal correspondent

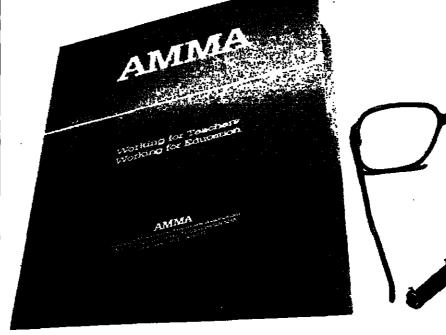
THE House of Lords yesterday refused to allow a test damages claim against the police for the suffering of two sisters who died in the Hillsborough disaster. The girls' parents called the decision "the final insult".

Trevor and Jennifer Hicks lost their daughters Victoria, aged 19, and Sarah, aged 15, in the 1989 tragedy in which 95 people died and 400 were injured.

vorced but united in their legal battle on behalf of their daughters' estates, had sought damages for pre-death pain and suffering to "mark public disapproval" of South Yorkshire police over their handling of the overcrowding at the Sheffield Wednesday ground.

Five law lords unanimously dismissed their test case ap-peal, which affects a number

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BBC rescues Noddy and Big Ears

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NODDY and his Toyland playmates Big Ears and PC Plod have been saved for the nation's younger viewers.
The BBC has extricated the mischievous taxi-driving elf from the wreckage of the Maxwell empire and promised to give the Enid Blyton characters a new lease of life on BBC children's television this autumn. The happy ending for the 43-year-old Noddy, who has changed with the times to reject all things racist and sexist, came after liquidators of the Maxwell paperback publisher Macdonald yesterday concluded a six-way bidding battle for the Noddy TV, vid-

co, merchandise and book It had been feared that Noddy would end up on the scrap heap after it was disclosed that the American buyer of Macdonald was not interested in the 24 Noddy picture books. Noddy.



Sayed: Noddy and Big Ears at Television Centre

known as Oui Oui in France. Purzelknirps in Germany. and Hilitos in Spain, never achieved great popularity in North America, where he was rejected as too old

BBC Enterprises, the BBC's commercial arm that beat off competition from Penguin and Hodder and Stoughton by submitting

the highest bid for the world rights, is to market a more rights, is to market a more right on Noddy in the US. The BBC said: "Noddy has been out of favour because people thought he was racist and sexist but the books have been updated and we will be going with the 1990s Noddy who uses

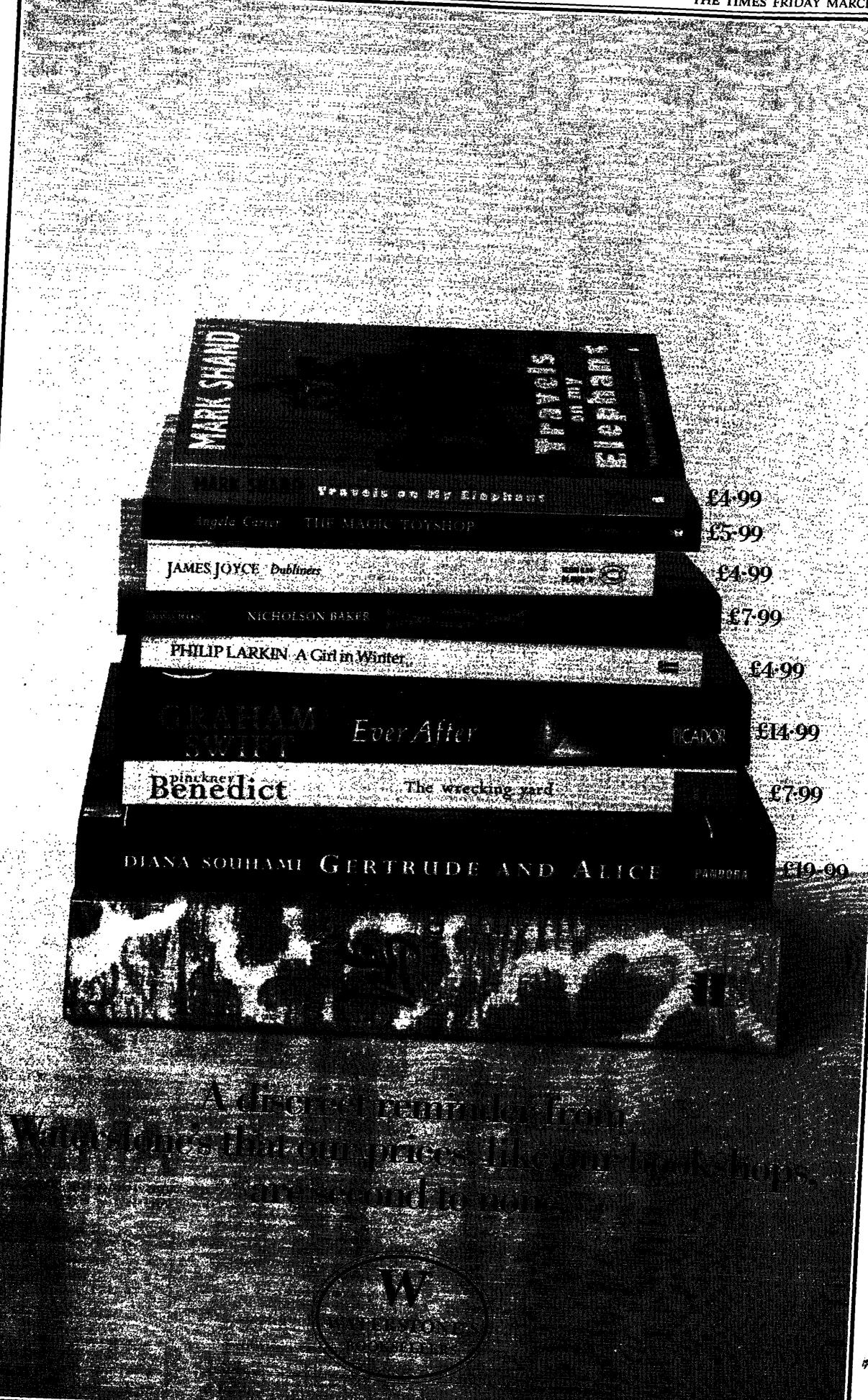
unleaded petrol in his car.

He will be acceptable to cur-

rent taste." Gone are all the golliwogs, which have been replaced by gremlins and monkeys. Gilbert Golly has been turned into a naughty girl named Martha Monkey. Miss Rap, the schoolmistress, has lost her spanking slipper and become Miss Prim, while Pc Plod has be-

come "less aggressive". The 13-part animated series, using models faithful to the original Harmsen van der Beek illustrations, will also be available on video next autumn. New picture books, with illustrations based on the TV series, will be released, with Noddy toys, games, ceramics, toi-letries and other merchandise.

Nick Chapman, director of BBC Enterprises consumer products group, said the BBC expected to make "many millions of pounds" from Noddy. The books have sold 100 million copies, although sales fell consideraupdated in 1990.



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Scottish education reform

New tests demanded to replace highers

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pupils for employment and higher education, and be of-

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THE most radical changes to Scottish higher education in 50 years are likely after the publication of a report recommending the abolition of higher examinations.

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Instead of pupils in the fifth and sixth years of secondary school taking highers, it is recommended that two new courses be established: a oneyear Scottish certificate Scottish baccalaureate (Scotbac) that would effect ively replace highers. The Scotcert and Scotbac

low for differentiation in stu-The Scotcert courses will prepare pupils for employ-ment, training and more advanced education while the

Scotbac course, with a science and arts line, will prepare students for higher education in Scotland and Europe. In many cases, students will be will embrace general and

Tories let inspectors clause die students

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT whips have told Labour that ministers will accept this week's two defeats in the Lords on school inspections to ensure that the parent's charter becomes law before the election.

The agreement provides further indication that the election will be on April 9. The bill's third reading has been set for next Thursday to rush the legislation on to the statute book

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, would not con-firm the decision last night, but Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, described it as a devastating humiliation for Mr Clarke.

Under the amended regulations, schools will have to be inspected every four years by eams including parents and lay members, but the head of Her Majesty's Inspectorate, rather than school governors, will be responsible for appointments. Local authority inspectors will retain their right of access to schools.

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Although Labour and the Liberal Democrats remain opposed to some aspects of the inspection plans, their aim has been to stop schools hiring their own inspeciors. The government's priority has been to see the survival of the bill's provision

MPs halt report on

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA EDUCATION REPORTER

THE Commons education select committee decided yesterday not to publish a report on student hardship, having failed to agree on a set of recommendations before the general election.

The committee was divided over the extent and causes of students' financial difficulties. The Conservative majority remained unconvinced that hardship was widespread, focusing instead upon the administration of existing hardship funds. Labour members said the committee's decision was aimed at avoiding electoral

embarrassment.
Malcolm Thornton, Con-servative MP for Crosby and committee chairman, said that it would publish the evidence it had heard but felt unable to produce a detailed report because it had not heard enough evidence to reach firm conclusions. The Committee of Vice-

Chancellors and Principals will now consult universities and make recommendations to the new government. • University College, Swan-sea, is seeking an injunction to remove 80 students who had locked themselves into an administration building in protest at over-crowding, poor supply of library books taught to a level well beyond the present higher and in some cases to or beyond sixth

The report by Professor John Howie and his committee sharply criticised the present system which, while it prided itself on curricular breadth, did not reflect that in student attainment. The report said that many fifth and sixth years pupils in secondary education obtained only one or two highers and some none at all. "Scotbac will have a broad

cultural emphasis and will promote students' personal growth in a way which the current functional and examination-oriented syllabuses cannot," the report said. Many thousands leave school without marketable qualifications. Even the more able students display less breadth of attainment than their European counterparts," the committee said.

"There are few opportuni-ties for study in depth. The higher courses are too rushed and represent too steep an incline of difficulty when superimposed on standard grade." The report said many students were ill-prepared for

The report was welcomed by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, who initiated it in 1990 when he was education minister. He said that comments would be invited over the rest of the year.

 Schools in 50 English local authorities will share £15 million under the government's technology schools initiative, Tim Eggar, the education minister, said yesterday (John O'Leary writes). More than 60 schools will each receive up to £300,000 to buy equipment and improve facilities for technical and job-related courses. One, Beaumont School, in St Albans, will receive £500,000.

The controversial £25 million initiative was launched when the government's city technology college scheme began to falter. Ministers hope that the successful applicants will rename themselves "rechnology schools" and education, although Beaumont intends to retain its name and generalist character.



Proud parent: Sir Clive confirms his claim that everyone riding his new brainchild breaks into a smile

A cycle of invention from Sinclair

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SIR Clive Sinclair launched the Zike yesterday, the elec-tric bicycle that is his first journey into the consumer market since the launch of

his C5 electric tricycle.
The experience of the C5 has dearly not been lost on him and the Zike's design owes more to Alex Moulton,

small-wheelers of the 1960s, than to Heath Robinson.

Perran Newman, who worked on the C5 and now runs Team Consulting based near Royston, Hertfordshire, said: "I do not think this is going to be a C5. You are not going to feel too silly riding around on this."

Whether that will be enough incentive to pay £499 for pedal assisted pow20lb and has no gears, can climb a 1 in 10 hill without any pedalling using its electric motor, Sir Clive said. On full electrical power it will run for between 30 minutes and an hour depending on wind and terrain at a top

er remains to be seen. The

Zike, which weighs about

speed of 12mph. At the heart of the machine, which needs no licence and can be ridden by anynickel cadmium battery. It can be charged from the mains in an hour or when freewheeling and is neatly housed in the bar supporting the seat. The little electric motor, weighing less than 2lb, fits by the battery.

The Zike, which is expected to be available by mail order in May, is made from lightweight, rust-free alloys

Farmers dismiss claim for 55% rise

Farm workers launched a claim for a 55 per cent pay increase yesterday that would raise their minimum weekly wage from £129.43 to £200. Farmers said they could not afford any increase.

The issue will be resolved at a meeting next Monday and Tuesday of the Agricultural Wages Board. In recent years, when big wage claims were submitted and countered by farmers' pleas of inability to pay, the board awarded form workers a rise on or slightly above the inflation rate.

In addition to a pay rise. farm workers want the minimum working week to be cut from 30 to 35 hours and annual holidays increased from 21 to 25 days.

Death crash

Matthew Slater, aged 19, of Shenfield, Essex, who drove a car that crashed, killing two friends, was sent to a detention centre for two years and banned from driving for ten years by Chelmsford crown count. He admitted causing death by reckless driving.

Libel case won

Detective constable Keith Dunn of the Metropolitan police accepted undisclosed libel damages in the High Court over an article in The People which claimed he took bribes from prostitutes.

Murder charge Gregory Michael Hobbins. aged 30, of the Coldstream Guards, was remanded in custody until next Thursday by Brent magistrates, northwest London, accused of mur-der and the attempted

murder of a policeman. Festive opening

A loth century farmhouse at the Welsh Folk Museum at St Fagans, South Glamorgan, is being rethatched after a fire damaged its roof. Firemen were able to contain the fire and damage to the rest of the building was superficial. It will reopen to the public in September to coincide with the museum's harvest festival.

Architect lays foundations of greener, cleaner capital

By MARCUS BINNEY ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

A VISION of a regenerated London, including a new university and extended squares and parks, was unveiled by the architect Sir Richard Rogers and the Labour party yesterday.

Heading the list is a proposal to revive the Thames as

an artery of the capital. "There can be no new London without a re-awakened river," Mark Fisher, shadow arts minister, said. The schemes include:

☐ County Hall, now empty. to become the first university to be created from scratch since Stirling in 1967. ☐ Hyde Park Corner to be landscaped, possibly with the addition of pavilions and fountains, to give it shape and

☐ Trafalgar Square substantially closed to traffic with a plaza in front of the National The traffic-logged area south of Vauxhall bridge

transformed into a public attraction to rival the 18th century Vauxhall Gardens. an underpass to create a square between the Albert Hall and the Albert Memorial, connecting with a walk to the Natural History museum.



Sir Richard: "A city is defined by its buildings'

☐ Bankside power station. on the Thames opposite St Paul's, as London's new architecture centre. ☐ Battersea power station to

be given an "exciting new ☐ The Lyceum theatre, Cov-

ent Garden, to be renovated. ☐ Santiago Calatrava's rejected single-arched bridge for the Thames east London crossing adopted in place of the transport department's As to who will pay. Mr Fisher has no qualms. "Every one of us will have to contribute. These initiatives will depend on whether the people of London, and of Britain, want a modern capital badly enough to pay for it. It is clear that the cheap option of doing nothing will mean the competitive death of London almost certainly within a Paris is held up as an exam-

ple to London in investment in efficient public transport, in the constant use of architectural competitions and in lavish spending on grand projects. Sir Richard says: "A city is defined by its public buildings if these are good then it can withstand a great deal of banal developer's

Repeated calls are made for the re-creation of a single London-wide authority. Šir Richard says that the capital needs a co-ordinated inter-

Mr Fisher denigrates the listing system, suggesting that the Grade Two buildings which collectively give London so much of its character are expendable. "In some respects we have conserved our heritage too well.

New London, by Richard Rogers and Mark Fisher (Penguin Books, E8.99)

Minister

rejects

By MELINDA WITISTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

film aid

GIVING subsidies to British film-makers would encourage them to produce films nobody wanted to see. Lord Reay, the film minister, said yesterday as the Confederation of British Industry and the British Film Institute called for ur-gent measures to stimulate British film production.

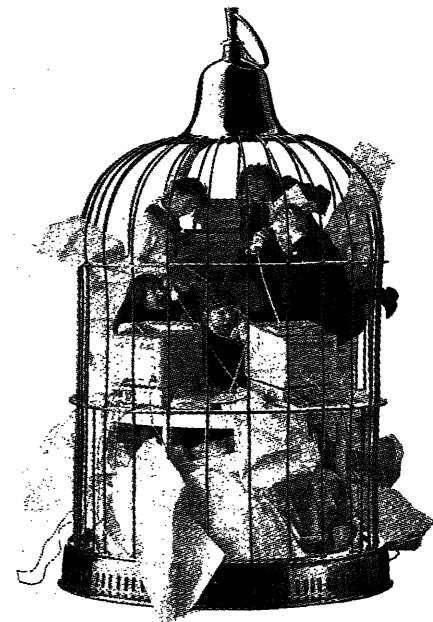
Lord Reay did not rule out the inclusion of tax incentives for the film industry in next Tuesday's Budget, but he rejected subsidies as a waste of both taxpayers' money and film-makers' talent. The British film industry must make films people want to see," he said. Subsidies would only diminish the incentive to find out what the market wanted, sponsored by the CBI and the

Sir Richard Attenborough. the film director, said: "If he [Lord Reay] thinks government intervention is inappropriate, that culture is not the responsibility of government, then why does he not also oppose government support for the ballet, music or

Lord Reay said that the government recognised the need to attract film production back to Britain, and had agreed last year to put £3.5 million into the British Film Commission.

Investment in British films has fallen from £275 million in 1984 to an estimated £50 million this year.

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Ferry survey lists the tops and tubs

BY DAVID YOUNG

PASSENGERS booking Channel ferries should check which ship is scheduled for the crossing as there are vast differences in quality, a Holiday Which? survey says today.

The survey team inspected nearly 50 ships making crossings to France, Ire-land, Belgium and The Netherlands and found that picking the right one

was still a lottery.

Passengers travelling on the Olau
Hollandia and Olau Britannia, part of the North Sea Ferries fleet sailing between Sheerness and Flushing, enjoyed good passenger comfort. The Princesse Marie-Christine, promoted in the UK by P&O and making Dover-Ostend

sailings, was called the "worst old tub inspected", with shabby lounges and

The Consumers' Association magazine also found that travel agents often failed to paint a true picture. Despite a code of conduct adopted by the Associ-ation of British Travel Agents, Holiday Which researchers found some bro-chures still misled holidaymakers.

Patricia Yates, the magazine's editor, said: "We have found all the time worn tricks of deceptively glamorous photos and the language that you'd need a dictionary of euphemisms to decipher. It is about time tour operators respect their own code of conduct to give a fair and honest representation of what they sell. Brochures have a tremendous in-

fluence over holidaymakers; nine out of ten of our readers look at a brochure before they choose a package holiday." A picture from an Airtours advertise-

ment for budget holidays in Greece. Turkey and Cyprus showed an alluring view from a lineary hotel that is actually in the Caribbean, the report says. One comple told the magazine that they had booked a holiday in Sri Lanka with Hayes and Jarvis, convinced by a brochure which listed a 200 among an hotel's attractions. The 200 turned out to be no more than a pet peacock and a

The report also labelled medical kits aimed at travellers as gimmicky, saying that they would be better used as lunch

Question time row raises Commons temperature

Leaders clash over policies

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major and Neil Kinnock yesterday set the tenor of a bitter election campaign in a series of sharp exchanges on health, taxation and defence which took Commons electioneering to new depths. The Speaker appeared powerless as MPs howled down their

Mr Kinnock raised a series of examples of NHS patients denied treatment, he insisted, because of the inadequacy of the government's health policies. Mr Major insisted that the Conservatives had spent more on health than Labour had "dared to promise" at the last election and said that the new trust hospitals were treating more patients.

AS MANY as one third of

Scottish Labour voters could

switch their allegiance to the

Scottish National Party if a

Conservative general election victory looked likely, accord-

ing to an opinion poll pub-lished last night.

The poli, carried out by

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University College Hospital specialist as saying that he could not give 30 per cent of his cancer patients chemotherapy treatment because the beds were not available. When Mr Major responded by quoting a doctor and former Labour candidate on the success of the government's health reforms, an angry Mr Kinnock told the prime minister to "address these issues of life and death instead of parading false claims about

your government". Accusing Mr Major of never answering the question, Mr Kinnock asked: "Why doesn't the government even now get rid of the tax conces-Mr Kinnock quoted a ance and put the £60 million

SNP may gain from tactical vote

By Kerry Gill

per cent said they would cer-tainly vote for the SNP and

18 per cent said they might.

showed that support for independence continues to fall.
Only 26 per cent favoured independence against 42 per cent support for a Scottish

assembly and 26 per cent

wanting no change to the

constitutional status quo.

Three-quarters were in favour

of a referendum on the

yesterday by Market Re-

An earlier poll published

However, the poll also

saved straight into fighting cancer. That's what a Labour government would do."

Mr Major said: "This would have more credibility if we were not spending more on the health service than you even promised to spend." It would have even more credibility, he said, if Labour were not pledged to introduce a minimum wage, which would cost the NHS £500 million. They had failed to set out their own plans for funding the health service.

Ministers are expecting Labour to do everything possible to bring health issues to prominence in the election. and Mr Kinnock instanced reports in recent weeks of a cardiologist "who has had to

search Scotland showed that

support for independence

had dropped to 30 per cent

from an all-time high of 50

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader,

began a five-day tour of Scot-

land yesterday by attacking the increased polarisation of

views over constitutional re-

form and challenging John Major and Neil Kinnock to

join him in a debate on the

implications of a Scottish par-

hament for the rest of the

per cent in January.

because of the budget system", of closed accident and emergency units and of a "mortally ill little girl being unable to gain treatment in a paediatric intensive care

turn seriously ill people away

Mr Major retorted: "We have addressed those issues. That's why the waiting lists are failing by record

When Neil Thorne (Ilford South, C) referred to the Trident nuclear submarine fleet, which Labour wants to restrict to three boats, Mr Major took his opportunity to say: "We have no intention of gambling with this country's

Invited by another Tory MP earlier to comment on Labour's "savines tax". Mr Major raised furious shouts from the Labour benches when he said that the "damaging and vindictive" tax (a 9 per cent National Insurance levy to be paid on savings income of more than £3,000 a year) "would hit widows on ordinary incomes and people taking early retirement.

The Conservatives earlier

devoted a press conference to the levy. Tony Newton, the social security secretary, said that it would take money from 1.1 million savers, 750,000 of them basic rate taxpavers: while abolition of the earnings limit would mean higher tax bills for 3.2 million people earning more than £20,280 a year.



Joint venture: Neil Kinnock, with Sarah Franklin, aged 12, whose hopes and aspirations are included in Labour's new document

Kinnock

presents his vision

CHIEF POLITICAL

LABOUR offered an adventure in which families had new security, opportunity and confidence, Neil Kinnock

said yesterday. The Labour leader said his party had the policies to build Britain's economy out of slump and to enable it to compete in a Europe without trade barriers. He blamed the Conservatives for the "decay, debt, congestion and injus

tice" throughout the economy

and claimed they had never prepared for the future. Mr Kinnock outlined his a new document Your land. my land, in which economists, doctors scientists, athletes and artists contributed their ideas for a "better way

forward for Britain". Dr Penelope Leach, the psychologist and author of the parents' guide Baby and Child, wrote: "The Britain I want to live in gives top priority to children ... they are seen as the nation's best long-term investment." Dr Leach was one of several contribu-

tors at a press conference. Mr Scrivener, a former chairman of the Bar, said there was deep frustration in the legal profession. "Crime has never been higher, conviction rates never lower and

prisons never fuller." The youngest contributor, 12-year-old Sarah Franklin, wrote: "In my Britain the whole community would work together for the good of the individual — and the indi-vidual would work just as hard for the community as a

LOBBY **Minister** stands up for fetes David Madean, the junior agriculture minister.

AROUND

warned local authorities not to target food sold by volumtary organisations at village fetes under the Food Safety Act.

Mr Maclean said at question time yesterday that there was nothing in the act, passed to tighten up on food hygiene. which could justify councils taking action against non-commercial bodies. "If town halls target Women's Institutes, church fetes, village halls and charity teas, then the government will take action."

Aid increase

The government scheme for helping British volunwork in developing countries is to get a grant of £28 million — a 22 per cent increase - in the next financial year, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, said. A further £135,000 is to be available to Albania. Feed the Children has been given surplus defence ministry medical supplies.

Fair play

A message of sympathy should be sent to the prime minister and people of Australia in their suffering, Lord Morris (C) said at Lords questions after En-gland's victory in a World Cup cricket match in Sydney earlier in the

day. B**otham's day, page** 32

BT costs The administrative costs involved in the British Telecom share offer amounted to £105 million, or about 1.9 per cent of the total proceeds from the sale of £5,403 million. Francis Maude, the Treasury financial secretary, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): De-Lords (11): Parliamentary Corporate Bodies Bill, second reading. Northem Ireland Appropriation

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to

Monday: Friendly Societies Bill, second reading. Debate on the new parliamentary building. Tuesday: The Budget.
Weilnesday and Thursday: Debate on the Budget
Friday: Debate on private member's motion on texation and public

expenditure. The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Competition and Service (Utilities) Bill, committee, second day. **Tuesday: Education** (Schools) Bill, report. Wednesday: Liberal Democrat debates on constitutional reform and on Britain's rivers, coasts and beaches. Thursday: Further and Higher Education (Scot-land) Bill, report. Friday: Asylum Bill.

UN troops 'should go into Sarajevo'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

for the United Nations to send troops into the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo to calm the latest outbreak of fighting in Yugoslavia. David Howell, chairman of

the Commons foreign affairs' select committee, told MPs that the UN forces were needed to achieve lasting hope and peace in Bosnia and to prevent a repetition of the bloodshed witnessed in Croatia and Serbia. There were now more than 13,000 UN troops in Yugoslavia and Mr Howell said that there were reports that the UN was planning to enter Sarajevo.

in a Commons debate, Donald Anderson, a Labour foreign affairs spokesman, gave a warning of the danger of authoritarian or military rule in the state and added that it was important for forces to go in to retain existing frontiers in Bosnia. Julian Amery, the former Conservative foreign office

minister, spoke of the dangers of German involvement in the Balkan states. He said ahead of the EC, of Croatia and Slovenia as independent states was a sign that Germany was prepared to push

into the area. It was not a deliberate imperial effort, Mr Amery said, but a result of Germany's natural drive as a dynamic economy. Mr Amery, who made his maiden speech in 1950 on Yugoslavia, sug-gested that Britain, France and Turkey could become involved in keeping peace in the area and said that he hoped this would be a priority when Britain took over the

EC presidency in July.
Michael Foot, the former
Labour leader, however, sounded a warning against a partnership with Turkey, a country he called "one of the worst oppressors in the

He said that the adventurist policies of the Turkish government should deter Britain from wanting to be involved; a temptation prompted because Turkey looked like becoming a more influential power in the re-

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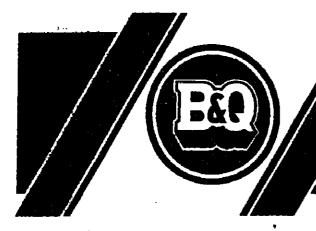
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three weeks BY TONY DAWE AND SHEILA GUNN NEW spending plans an-nounced yesterday, including help for the unemployed and small companies, brought the amount of money pledged by the government in a variety of new schemes in the past three weeks to nearly £4 billion. Every announcement has spelt good news, in terms of ions saved and created, or in

providing personal benefits, but each has been greeted with the cry of "bribe" by the Opposition. With the prospect of another £4 billion being handed out in next Tuesday's Budget, the shouting from the Labour benches is certain to increase. The Times has spoken to ministers and civil servants about this "pre-election give-

the schemes are "desk-clearing exercises" and the money comes within long-established capital expenditure plans for the coming years. Independent experts, however, say they match a boom in public spending that has

preceded recent general elec-

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tions. In addition, govern-ment spending on advertising and promotion is expected to increase markedly in this financial year, as it did in the year preceding the 1987 election.

The latest attractions unveiled yesterday included the announcement by Peter Lilley, the industry secretary, of £11.5 million for research and development in areas of industrial decline. There was little surprise at Westminster that those areas covered some Tory marginal seats in Scotland, Wales, the Midlands and North of England.

At the employment depart-ment, an £18 million grant to provide high-level skills training for the unemployed was announced, while Tim Eggar, the education minister, promised extra funding to develop technology training in 62 schools. Even Edward Leigh, the

consumer affairs minister, got in on the act with a popular but inexpensive mea-sure: a change in the law to

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R & D grants for small and innovative companies

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ROADS Widening M6, dualing A1 north of Newcastle and improving trunk roads in Wales

SOCIAL FUND Extra funds next year for the poor ...

Government ministers defend public spending boom

According to some economists, the pre-election pattern is most noticeable in government-approved pay rises. Doctors, dentists, nurses and other members of the medical professions, teachers and members of the armed forces are all to receive increases of between 5.5 and 8.5 per cent, well above the level of infiation, on April 1.

The rises recommended by the pay review bodies and approved by the government

will all be paid in full and not in stages, as often happens, and that adds to the total cost of the award," Chris Trinder, research director of the Public Finance Foundation, said.

£35m

He said that pay rises due on April 1 had yet to be agreed for another three and a half million town hall workers, civil servants and other health service employees, but the signs were that, with the government unwilling to risk industrial unrest before an election, they too would receive a generous award.

Propaganda blurs line

THE government has been accused of blurring the line between official promotions and party propaganda in addition to making large preelection handouts. Frank Dobson, a member

of the shadow cabinet, said that a threefold increase in government spending and promotion in 1986-7 was designed to give the Tories a boost in the 1987 general election and the same is happening now, with spending in the current year expected to increase by 15 per cent. He makes three further

☐ The government and Tory party publicity campaigns for the citizen's charter ran in parallel, making it difficult to distinguish between pub-lic money and party money. ☐ The Cabinet Office is spending £1 million this year on press and public relations, compared with £200,000 last year, and a further £585,000 on advertising and promotion, compared

☐ The prime minister's office is spending £560,750 on press and public relations this year, a 32 per cent increase in two years.

with just £1,000 last year.

"The Tories are desperate to hang on to power at all costs," Mr Dobson said. "No expense is being spared in John Major's struggle to stay in number 10, and in this case it is at the taxpayers' expense".

DEFENCE All part of long-term defence spending. Just a co incidence that announcements **EDUCATION** Planned spending EMPLOYMENT Within limits ENVIRONMENT 222.5m is "new money" over 3 years. From savings elsewhere

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PENSIONS Loss of revenue partly offset by long-term savings on state scheme REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT Arrangements for part of the funding still under discussion. Rest within spending plans

ROADS Mostly long-term policy. Over several years SOCIAL FUND Within spending

"The evidence from every economic source is of a massive giveaway in election year," Mr Trinder said. He year," Mr Trinder said. He cited the Labour government's decision to honour high pay awards for public sector workers in 1979, the setting up of a separate pay review body for nurses in 1983 and the "non-staging" of pay awards in 1987.

Labour claims the recent inflation-plus public sector pay awards amount to a £500 million bribe. The govern-ment admits that £209 million of the total £1.8 billion required will come from the reserve fund but says this is not extra spending as the fund exists for such

Ministers in departments such as defence and transport, who have been accused of handing out "bribes" to the electorate, have insisted that recently announced spending plans all form part of longestablished policy.

contingencies.

The claims that the timing of defence schemes totalling £1.57 billion are a coincidence do seem disingemuous, however. The statement that the government always planned to widen the M6 (a £450 million scheme an-nounced last week) must be balanced by ministers' initial desire to meet the traffic flows by supporting a toll road financed by private industry.



Wheeler: warning against "the more lurid fears"

Opposition MPs delay report on immigration

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

LABOUR MPs have blocked publication before the election of a report demanding mandatory identity cards to control a potential flood of illegal immigrants.

Some Opposition MPs on the Commons home affairs committee objected to making public this month the warnings given to them by chief constables, immigration officials and other witnesses of the likely impact of weak-

ening frontier controls. The chairman, Sir John Wheeler, asked the committee in a private session to sanction the publication of the evidence this month together with a summary of the findings in its enquiry into the EC's external border controls. Sir John, the Tory MP for Westminster North, has already disclosed that, from the evidence, compensatory measures, such as ID cards, would be essential in place of strong frontier controls.

"No one can say with certainty to what immigration pressures the EC will be subject in the future. There are certainly demographic pressures, especially from North Africa, but we must beware the more lurid fears," he said. The Labour MPs stopped

publication of even the minutes of the public hearings until April 22. A senior source disclosed that they were anxious that the report could be used to portray Labour as soft on immigration.

Teaching guide on sex attacked

BY JOHN WINDER

PEERS protested in the Lords last night about the inclusion of deviant sexual practices and oral sex in a teaching guide on the dan-

gers of Aids to children of 11. They were led by the Earl of Liverpool, a Tory peer, who questioned, whether 11-yearolds were ready for compulsory and explicit education on HIV and Aids as required by the Science in the National

Curriculum document. Lady Denton of Wakefield, for the government, replied that as HIV constituted probably the most serious threat to public health this century. children should learn about it at an age when most were mature enough to under-

stand its implications.

Lord Liverpool said that the education department document contained "deviant sexual practices of an explicit nature. The age should be raised to 13.

Lady Denton said that the booklet was for the guidance of teachers.

Lady Phillips (Lab) asked: "Is the government seriously wanting to defend a pamphlet which explicitly des-cribes oral sex which cannot be of any assistance in the subject and may be totally misunderstood?

Lady Denton: "This is a virus which can kill and is probably so important that the government believes sensible factual information can do a great deal to protect

young people."

Lord Kilmarnock (SDP) said that many children received Aids education from television, newspapers, family and their peers, often misinformation which misled them. It was better that it should be taught profession-ally and sensitively.

Lord Ennals, a former Labour social services secretary, suggested that there was not enough explicit sex education and it was often too late.

Lady Elles (C) protested: There are a lot of things we learn throughout life but do we have to learn all this at 11 years old?"

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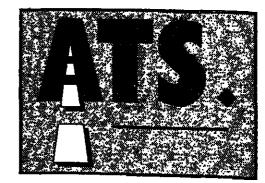
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World in recession fumbles chance to kick-start trade



Hills: a deal would

slumping, are letting slip a unique opportunity to reju-venate the global trading system. The most ambitious round of talks ever held under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) is now only being kept alive by a life-support machine of technical discussions in Geneva. Although the next few weeks may witness attempts to resuscitate serious talks, key negotiators have written off the pros-

pects of any deal this year.

The reasons for this failure
lie in elections on either side of the Atlantic. A new Gatt deal would modernise the whole international trade system and strike down barniers and tariffs for trade in everything from aspirins to avocados. But for the last eighteen months, as dead-

THE world's industrial pow-ers, with their economies slipped away, negotiations have been paralysed by the ancient quarrel between Europe and America over farm subsidies. Any deal would involve losses for farmers on both continents. In America, President Bush is taking a battering in the presidential primaries and in no mood to inflame the farming constituencies. In France, the socialist government is set to take a beating in local elections at the end of this month. In neither country do politicians believe that a successful Gatt

deal would win them votes. This political vulnerability has dogged the more than five years of Gatt's "Uruguay Round". The benefits of free trade can be endorsed by ministers and they can even be expressed in specularive figures. Carla Hills. AmeriGeorge Brock blames elections in America and France for the failure by Gatt members to seize a unique opportunity to agree on modernising the international trade system.

ca's trade representative, thinks that an agreement would boost world trade in manufactured goods alone by \$5 billion (£2.9 billion) in the next decade. No deal at all could turn recession into a crash. Confronted with the sharp loss of income which a Gatt farm deal would bring, French grain farmers see it as a real threat - and the French are ready to vote accordingly.

In retrospect, the best chance of avoiding these problems and of fashioning a compromise on farm support was probably missed last November. President Bush, Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister who was then chairing the European Community and Jacques Delors, the EC Commission president met in The Hague but failed to clinch an agreement. One EC official said that a second on German farms. day of talks might have done the trick.

Since then, the outcome of the Gatt talks - like every other important issue faced by the Community — has turned on the large but in-scrutable figure of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. Germany, the EC's largest exporting nation, has a huge stake in the openings which Gatt can provide for its firms. But its farmers, few in number, wield enormous

political clout. One of America's most cherished objectives in the talks is the reduction of Europe's subsidised grain exports — a cut which would strike deepest

Tension between the farm lobby and economic liberalism is vividly expressed inside the governing coalition. Jürgen Möllemann, the energetic economics minister of the minority Free Democrats, has been criticising France — unconventional in itself for a minister in Bonn - and calling for a special summit of the G7 industrial nations to sort out the Gatt. But this week, Herr Mollemann was crisply put down by Herr Kohl's own spokesman: a G7 summit would not help and the Franco-German axis is as strong as ever, he declared.

A few Gatt people think that these declarations of solidarity between the ECs founding partners are the prelude to a split between Germany and France According to this prediction. American and EC Commission negotiators would sketch out a deal. For the Europeans, the deal to cut farm subsidies and protection would breach the strict guidelines laid down by farm ministers. But Ray MacSharry, the EC farm commissioner, would present ministers with a fait accompli. Mr Bush is due to meet Herr Kohl at the end of this month, just as the pressure is lifted from the French government by the end of the

I aga The scene would be set for Germany to join the EC majority in forcing France to accept a compromise.

This is pure optimism. Such a last-minute resolution requires American flexibility and a German readiness to punish both their farmers and France simultaneously - and assumes that Gatt agriculture cuts can be disentangled from the Community's lumbering internal reform of the common agricultural policy.

Sources in Bonn believe that the German govern-ment has come out in support of France - and implicitly against any quick agreement - because the federal chancery believes that no agreement is now possible before 1993 and the election of the next American president.

Balts set

up forum

for aid By Roger Boyes

THE Baltic Council, a new East-West alliance, was set up with some fanfare in Copen-hagen yesterday but it is not at all clear whether it can

make the crucial leap from a talking shop to a significant international grouping. The nine Baltic countries,

plus Norway, share common interests and, since the time

of the Hanseatic League, a

common trading history. But

there are many political dif-

and Lithuania, between Rus-

sia and the three former Soviet Baltic states — and

these seem likely to multiply rather than diminish.

The council will channel financial aid and knowhow from Scandinavia and Ger-

many to Poland, Russia, and

the poorer Baltic states.

There will be two main con-

cerns: halting the pollution of

the Baltic, which experts say will suffer a biological death

in ten to 15 years without a

rescue plan; and the construc-

tion of two north-south high-

ways. These roads are sup-

posed to link Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to Poland, Germany and Scandinavia. The Baltic Council coun-

tries are determined not to create another bureaucratic

structure. There will be no

permanent secretariat. In-

Bitter Baku puts blame on Moscow

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BAKU

Azerbaijan defended his government's record in Nagorno-Karabakh before parliament here yesterday, while outside a crowd of several thousand roared for his resignation. His administration is still staggering from the Azerbaijani defeat at Khodjaly and the mass killing

of refugees which followed.

President Mutalibov, following a line which is being eagerly adopted by the Azerbaijani population, blames the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh on the former Soviet and present Russian governments. He said they had sided with Armenia and prevented creation of real Azerbaijani

He admitted the failure to press ahead with this was "a mistake on our part. While we were simply trying to achieve

Russian farms go to market

IN MOSCOW

AT LEAST one-third of Russia's arable land will be turned over to private farming this year in a reversal of the brutal collectivisation pol-icies imposed half a century ago by Josef Stalin, a senior official said yesterday.

Yet it will probably take more than a year for the privatisation process to have much effect on food short-ages. Nikolai Komov, the Russian official, acknowledged that smallholdings were not expected to contribute more than 2 or 3 per cent of the coming season's agricultural output.

Mr Komov, who heads the Russian government's land reform committee, said the number of private farmers would rise substantially. The area under their control would jump more than 25 times to encompass at least a third of the 215 million hectares (538 million acres) now managed by ineffective

He said the current state of Russian farmland, which includes some of the richest soil in the world, was a terrible testimony to the effects of being left "without a master". Some 25 million acres of arable land which had existed, at least on paper, as of 1975 had somehow "disappeared" — either through poor husbandry or because it had been never more than a figment of the state planners'

imagination. A challenge from conservatives to the privatisation of farmland is likely to intensify today during a debate in parliament on agriculture.

PRESIDENT Mutalibor of the attributes of sovreignty, the Armenians were building armed forces. They were talking peace, but secretly planning war."
The president called once

again for negotiation and a peaceful resolution of the con-flict. In this, he seems out of step with the mood here, which has become explosive since the full extent of the mass killings became clear. Parliament listened to him quietly - almost nine-tenths of deputies are his supporters. A much more real picture of the balance of forces in the country is given by the nat-ional council, which the president was forced to set up with 50 per cent representations for the opposition, led by the Popular Front.

• Moscow: Political and military leaders in the Commonwealth of Independent States have issued separate calls for the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict to be solved by political means only, and have broached the possibility of a commonwealth peacekeeping force for the area (Mary

Dejevsky writes).

Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, commander-in-chief of the commonwealth armed be used to "disengage warring sides in trouble spots and ensure political solutions".

Three sets of peace propos-

als were reported yesterday. President Yeltsin called for an immediate ceasefire and announced dispatch of a team of Russian diplomats on a mediation mission. President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan proposed an immediate ceasefire, lifting all blockades. and the suspension by both sides of plans to form armies. The Azerbaijani foreign minister also announced a peace plan during a visit to the UN in New York. This calls, among other things, for the disarming of "illegal" lighters on both sides and international monitoring.

Mary Dejevsky, page 14 tone with her denunciations



All you need is love: three candidates of Italy's Party of Love — from left, Virna Bonino, Ilona Staller (La Cicciolina)and Luisa Pistarino — Staller (La Cicciolina) and Luisa Pistarino—launching their campaign in Rome yesterday to be elected MPs. Wearing suspender belts, lace stockings, silver jackets and transparent brassieres, the porno queens said they wanted to bring more love to the legislature.

The colour was pink and the language spicy at a standing-room-only news conference as the trio presented the party's platform for national

trio presented the party's platform for national elections next month. "People's lives are just too grey." Riccardo Schicchi, the porno stars' busi-

ness manager, who is one of the party's 11 candidates for the lower house, said. Miss Stallcandidates for the lower house, said. Miss Staller, who knows how to sway a crowd, read the party's platform from a leaflet emblazoned with pink heart. It includes more sexual freedom in jail, no censorship, "love parks" where young couples can make love without fear, and legal brothels run by prostitutes' co-operatives.

On the non-sexual side, the party platform includes environmental protection and a ban on impagness magnifecturing "This is not just a market."

weapons manufacturing. "This is not just a party of sex, this is a complete party," Giorgio Guelpa, a male candidate, said. The women are the stars of the party, which needs a mimimum of 50.000 votes in Rome to ensure that its top candidate at least, porn star Moana Pozzi, enters parliament. She did not attend the news conference.

"We are the only party that can stand for desire with a capital D." Marcella Buzzi, a literature teacher aged 33, said. One of the party's few women candidates who does not make her living with her clothes off, Signora Buzzi became an instant star when foreign television crews discovered that she alone could speak English. "Love is love," she said. "Love is everything." (Reuter)

Cresson's crusade against Le Pen mistires

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE ideological bankruptcy of France's ruling Socialist party has become starkly apparent as the campaign for the important regional elections this month moves into its final phase. Staring disaster in the face, the government can offer nothing more positive or encouraging than sustained attacks on Jean-Marie Le Pen and the

resurgent National Front. From platforms around the country, Socialist notables, led by Edith Cresson, have been reduced to mouthing dire warnings about the threat from the extreme right. The prime minister sets the

of M Le Pen as "a danger to democracy", and frequent reminders of the fearful perils of abstention: "Not voting is a betrayal that gives Le Pen half a vote." To uncommitted observers

here, the "Cresson crusade" against the far right is exposing her own government's lack of credible programmes to tackle the grave problems now facing the French. "How can you speak about Le Pen without also addressing the social issues?" Libération asked on Wednesday in an analysis of the political and economic strains that have so clearly contributed to his party's dramatic advances. To

Francois Léotard, leader of journalists to a press conferthe centrist Republican party, M Le Pen should be laughing all the way to the polls, having established himself as "the black star around which all political life revolves". The more flak he attracts from the Socialists, the better he likes it here is a government clear-ly running scared, he exults.

Attempts to derail M Le Pen's campaign with street demonstrations and manipulation of local by-laws to prevent him from booking halls for National Front gather-ings now threaten to rebound on the Socialists. M Le Pen yesterday invited the Parisian diplomatic corps and foreign

ence next week at which he promises to expose a dirty tricks operation against his

Nobody in French politics is more aware than M Le Pen that the imminent regional polls, normally of strictly lim-ited political significance, have been transformed into what amounts to a dress rehearsal for the 1993 parliamentary election and, by extension, to the next contest for the presidency in 1995. At this stage, publicity - good, bad or indifferent - is his lifeblood, enabling him to reach into constituencies beyond the rock-solid support

he enjoys from his own hardcore voters.

. That is why M Le Pen has adopted the highest of personal profiles, addressing rallies practically every day, issuing provocative statements and crying foul at every opportunity the Socialists provide. Mme Cresson's call for Socialist activists to turn out in strength to oppose the National Front wherever its candidates show their face threatens to rebound on the government as M Le Pen comes hunting for votes in Socialist territory, as well as in the realms of France's disorganised and perennially

law. The head of the army

personnel department has been replaced by a civilian.

All this is supposed to en-sure that those accepted for

officer training, and all

those promoted to senior

ranks, are in sympathy with

stead, there will be annual

Gun rampage Lagano: A man shot dead five people and wounded seven with a Kalashnikov rifle in a two-hour rampage through three villages in southern Switzerland. Erminio Cri-scione, aged 37, was arrested. (Reuter)

Airbus miss

Zurich: A Swiss fighter jet on manoeuvres missed a mid-air collision with a Londonbound Swissair jet by less than 50 yards. The air force said the Airbus was on its correct course and the fighter banked left over it. (Reuter)

Guards protest

Moscow: About 100 Central Asian guards at a Russian prison camp in the Urals temporarily left their posts to protest against serving in a foreign state" and to demand transfers to their home republics. (Reuter)

Back to Dutch

Amsterdam: The Netherlands, fearing that Dutch is becoming extinct through neglect, is to adopt a law forcing universities to teach primarily in Dutch. Currently several of them teach many of their courses in English. (Reuter)

Dog kills man

Moscow: Police say a hunter, killed near Novgorod, was shot by his dog caught in a trap. Scratches on the rifle butt proved that the struggling animal, near the body. pulled the trigger as the man tried to free it. (Reuter)

UK journalist picked for Polish defence ministry post

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

Radek Sikorski, the Brit-ish journalist who has just been nominated as Polish deputy defence minister, has proposed tenting out Poland's vast training grounds to Nato armies. The idea — conjuring up a The idea — conjuring up a vision of German soldiers trampling over Polish fields — and indeed Mr Sikorski's appointment, show how close the old Warsaw Pact armies are to joining Nato. The Poles, Hungarians and Czechoslovaks will soon be participating in some

Nato sessions and have

stalled at Nato headquar-ters in Brussels. But it is contacts between the eastern and western military establishments that are giving shape to the new security. order in Europe. Sir Michael Quinlan, a se-nior British defence official.

last month met Lajos Fuer, the Hungarian defence minister. According to Budapest reports, Britain offered to modernise Hungary's obsolete MiG fighters. Hungarian, Czechoslovak and Polish officers are being earmarked for training at the Royal College of Defence Studies,

their representatives in- and at United States military academies. America has set aside \$75,000 (£44,000) for training Bulgarian officers and Donald Rice, the US secretary of the air force, has been looking into pilot training schemes for the Bulgarians.

There is a sound commer cial as well as strategic logic behind this kind of East-West military co-operation. Eventually the former Warsaw Pact armies will have to be weaned off Soviet equipment and become consumers of Western equipment. So far, that is expressing itself only in isolated contracts for boots and tents

and a dire state of East European army finances excludes any large purchases.



But there is a market for surplus or outdated West-

ern army vehicles and sup-port aircraft which, despite their vintage, are still more fuel efficient than the current Soviet models. Selling hardware cheaply now will ensure that Eastern Europe, in about a decade, will be a regular customer. First, the officer corps has to be appropriately trained.

Jan Parys, the new Polish defence minister, has encouraged the resigna-tion of all Polish army officers who "do not identify with the new North Atlantic option". He has just sacked two generals who were in the military council that

the new Nato alignment. That, too, was the reasoning behind the elevation of Mr Sikorski from Sunday Telegraph correspondent to deputy defence minister. If his nomination is accepted - it is still seen as controversial - Mr Sikorski will he in charge of Poland's relations with foreign armies

and military organisations.

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West ready to call Saddam's bluff

Military strike kept as option against Iraq

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

country. Iraqi diplomats have

estimated that the reserves

total between \$2 billion and \$5 billion (£1.2 billion to £3

billion). Saddam is reported

to have taken about \$10 bil-

lion from oil revenues since

1981 and invested it abroad.

Mr Hurd suggested yester-day that Saddam's power had been weakened. The days when he strutted about, sit-

ting on Kitwait an apparent victor, have gone," he said. "He's a bedraggled figure in the Arab world as a whole.

but he is still a tyrant capable

of doing great harm to his

own people."
In Washington, the State
Department's senior official

dealing with human rights

insisted at least 20 babies

died when Iraqi soldiers re-moved incubators from Ku-

wait hospitals after the inva-

sion. Richard Schifter told a

congressional subcommittee

that he had visited Kuwait last month to talk to officials

who had investigated the inci-

dent, widely reported at the

time but subsequently de-nounced as unsubstantiated.

BRITAIN and America are plement the UN resolutions discussing the seizure of frozen Iraqi assets, and have not ruled out a new military strike if Baghdad continues to hinder the destruction of its weapons, London said

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said the United Nations Security Council had to 'maintain the pressure" when Tariq Aziz, a deputy prime minister, heads a 15-man Iraqi delegation to the UN next week. After that, Mr Hurd said on BBC Radio 4. "we have to consider togeth-er, as we have successfully before, what is needed in order to make the pressure

effective, and we have not ruled out a military strike". The Foreign Office said that seizure of Iraqi assets was one of the options being considered with the Americans. Such action would not be easy to achieve, however, and the best course would be for President Saddam Hussein to im-



Aziz: leads delegation to the UN next week

Fire foils

coalmine

rescuers

which permitted Iraq to export oil to finance the purchase of food and medicine.

A spokesman said the work of the UN special commission was making progress in spite of Iraqi prevarication. It was now in the process of destroying some 300 unstable rockets, including some filled with chemical weapons. The pace of destruction had been increased to 40 rockets a day.

Mr Aziz will arrive in New

York on Monday for the sec-urity council meeting that begins on March 11. Diplomats say the delegation is likely to be sharply questioned over Iraq's failure to comply with UN resolutions, and its obstruction of the work of UN inspectors. Rolf Ekens, chairman of the special commis-sion, will tell the security council that he believes Iraq is hiding chemical weapons production facilities, parts of its nuclear programme and a biological weapons production programme. The Iraqis will also be accused of not complying with resolutions calling for proper treatment of all Iraqis, especially the Shias and the Kurds.

British officials have been signalling that the West is determined to confront Saddam. "The pattern is clear: he is testing us and thinks that the West will give up and stop caring." one diplomat said.

Seizure of Iraqi assets would be complicated by banking secrecy which makes it hard to locate much of Iraq's wealth outside the

Shamir goes on

FROM RELITER IN KOZLU, TURKEY

A NEW fire in the devastated Turkish coalmine of Kozlu yesterday forced back rescuers trying to reach 150 missing miners, a government minister said. The rescuers had been searching for survi-vors of Tuesday's methane gas blast from which 122 bodies have been recovered.

"We have withdrawn rescue teams who were working 425 metres (1,390 ft) underground and efforts to cut off air temporarily to put out the fire will start shortly," Omer Barutcu, a state minister, said. The fire, in an area thought to be under control. could become a big problem if it set coal seams ablaze. Starting at the bottom level at 1,800 ft, rescue teams had reached 980 ft and were tackling fires there when the new

blaze erupted beneath them. White smoke was pouring from a ventilator shaft above one wrecked section. Officials appeared to have given up hope of finding more survivors, but some miners insisted their comrades might still

be alive. A miners' union leader, Semsi Denizer, challenging the company's view that a freakishly fast build-up of methane caused the explosion, said human error was more likely. Ozer Olcer, head of the state-run company, said a 20-second surge in methane levels foiled a modern detection system.

talking

FROM REITER IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir, keen to show Israeli voters he is still wedded to Washington's peace initiative, yesterday rejected a Syrian idea to suspend Middle East talks until after the election on June 23. "We feel we can resume

before then," Ehud Gol, the prime minister's spokesman, said. "The one has nothing to do with the other." The earlisume would be next month, after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and the Jewish Passover holiday.

Syria suggested the suspension when the fourth round of the slow-moving peace talks progress. Negotiators for Israel, the Palestinians, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon could not even agree where or when to meet next.

Israeli officials were eager to emphasise the positive, even though they could not point to tangible achieve-ments. "We definitely feel we are making progress and have moved into issues of substance," Mr Gol said.

Elyakim Rubinstein, Israel's chief negotiator in Washington, who rejected the Palestinians' self-rule model as a blueprint for statehood, said that he wanted to hold more talks soon. The United States, co-sponsor of the talks with Russia, wants to keep them on track up to the Israeli

Aquino tells widow to copy her example

President Aquino of the Philipoines, the widow of a murprime in Minister, went to ippines, the widow of a murdered politician, has urged Rose Velasco, the widow of Octavio Velasco, a mayor assassinated in the latest outbreak of campaign violence. to take up politics and run in her husband's place in the May general elections. Mrs Aquino flew to Ternate, 28 miles southwest of Manila, to console the widow.

Film-maker Satyajit Ray. aged 70, who is to receive a special Oscar this month, has developed respiratory problems while undergoing treatment for an old heart ailment, his doctor said. Ray's film career, spanning 36 years, will be capped by the honorary Oscar which he will receive on March 30 for life-

Actor Paul Eddington, the prime minister from the tele-

time achievement.

Downing Street to lobby his real-life counterpart and hand in a letter, signed by 100 arts and sports celebrities who back demands to ban tobacco companies sponsorship deals. Spike Milligan, Rula Lenska, Ringo Starr, Bob Geldof, along with football manager Brian Clough and Olympic champion swimmer Adrian Moorhouse are among the

backers of the protest.

Seisuke Ueshima, the new president of the Japanese musical instrument giant, Yamaha Corporation, has decided to punish directors for the company's reduced profits by cutting their salaries. A spokesman said the pay cuts would last for six months with the sharpest reduction of 20 per cent applied to the salary of Mr Ueshima himself.



Cultural dialogue: Julie Christie, the British actress, talking to a Palestinian girl during a visit yesterday to the Jelazoun refugee camp, near Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank. Christie, who is accompanying a group of British performers, is on a week-long trip

Loss of Gulf cash forces PLO into cost-cutting retreat

IN NICOSIA

THE Palestine Liberation Organisation is scaling down many diplomatic missions and closing its offices in some countries in austerity measures that could harm its ability to make its voice heard. Many Palestinian publica-

tions have also been closed down as part of belt-tightening measures after the Gulf conflict, when Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, formerly the PLO's main financial

fat, the PLO chairman, of

A PLO official said the cash shortage was forcing a review of priorities. He said: "You can't close down a hospital in the occupied territories, where there is a desperate shortage of health care, just to keep open a representative office in some African country."

He said missions in key capitals like Paris, Madrid, Athens and London would not be affected, but offices in many African and Asian countries would feel the pinch. The PLO is also trying to make more cash available to open offices in the former Soviet republics. The cost-cutting process is being reviewed this week in Tunis, where Mr Arafat has summoned many

A year ago the organisation was represented in 114 countries. The figure is now less than 100. There was rapid expansion in 1989 when the PLO was riding high on sym-pathy for the intifada. Many

PLO representatives.

countries, such as France and Spain, then upgraded rela-tions when Mr Arafat implicitly recognised Israel, renounced terrorism and declared an independent Pales-

nised "Palestine" than Israel. However, that has changed since Eastern bloc countries mended ties with Israel after the collapse of communism. The PLO is now having to send new people to many Eastern bloc missions where long-serving envoys have

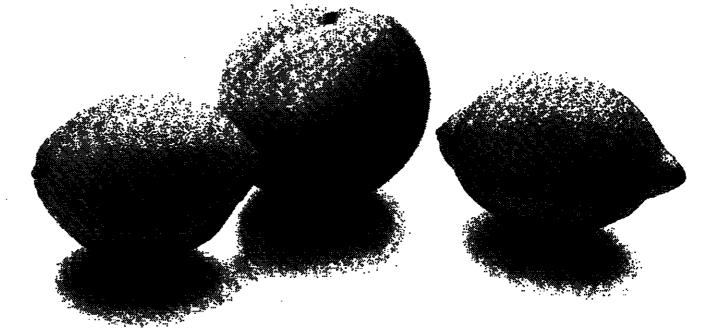
tinian state. He could boast

that more countries recog-

been associated with the former communist regimes.

PLO coffers have also been depleted by the loss of revenue from the 300,000 Palestinians driven out of Kuwait which, like other Gulf states, collected a 5 per cent levy on Palestinians on behalf of the organisation. Unforgiving Gulf states have cold-shouldered PLO overtures to mend relations. The PLO has long complained that Gulf money. pledged for the intifada, was going instead to the radical Islamic group Hamas.

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Bush targets South's racial factor in run-up to Super Tuesday

Kerrey bows out as race enters most critical lap

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

SENATOR Bob Kerrey of Nebraska withdrew from the presidential race yesterday, accepting that the Democratic nomination was now a contest between Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas and Paul Tsongas, the former Massachusetts senator.

As the survivors attacked each other in the South in advance of next week's Super Tuesday polls, Mr Kerrey ac-cepted that his failures in Colorado, Maryland and Georgia on Tuesday had left him "like the Jamaican bobsleigh team". In a gra-cious speech, he apologised to Mr Clinton for calling him 'unelectable" on account of his personal problems. "The only unelectable candidate running for the presidency is George Bush." he said. Mr Kerrey had finished fourth or lifth in all seven primaries and cacuses on Tuesday, despite his victory last week in South Dakota

His decision to withdraw highlights the change in pol-itical expectations since the beginning of the year, when the Nebraskan appeared to Democrat activists and pundits as the symbol of the new post-Cold War politician. He had a brilliant military past, present glamour and a commitment to "fundamental change" for the American future. But he had no immediate response to the economic worries that were setting the agenda in New Hampshire and the South. Quoting the singer Bruce Springsteen yesterday, he said that his decision was "no retreat, no surrender". But an observer in the marbled Hart building on Capitol Hill quipped: "No

substance either. Meanwhile the Republican challenger, Patrick Buchanan, who has proved the wise men of Washington wrong this year, continued his own campign in the South. In Louisiana he launched his first mild attack on his rival for the protest vote, former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, whom he will face for the first time in Saturday's

South Carolina primary. Mr Buchanan has been under pressure for some time from his critics to disavow Mr Duke firmly and openly as President Bush has. Speaking in Baton Rouge. Louisiana, Mr Buchanan said carefully that he condemned Mr Duke's KKK past and his

marching in Nazi uniforms. Mr Buchanan appealed to those who supported Mr Duke in last year's governor's race, some 55 per cent of the white electorate, to express their economic protest by a Buchanan vote next week. Those who wanted to launch a protest vote "should cast it for someone who can beat Mr Bush", he said.

The White House is hoping to force Mr Buchanan to overplay his racial cards in his search for a Louisiana victory. If Mr Buchanan can be tied to the racialist past and present of Mr Duke, it is argued that he will become more vulnerable in Northern states like Michigan and Illinois, which form the next electoral hurdle after Super Tuesday.

Since Mr Buchanan's strong showing in Georgia earlier this week, Mr Bush has intensified his attacks on purveyors of race hatred. He still does not mention Mr Buchanan by name, but the barbs are becoming increas-

ingly more pointed.
The White House also broadcast yesterday its stron-



Ripe for the picking: Bush admiring a giant strawberry at the Plant City strawberry festival in Florida. The president is on a tour of the South after primary victories in Maryland and Georgia on Tuesday

gest counter to Mr Buchanan's charge that the president supports preferential quotas for blacks in employment. Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, a noted segregationalist in the 1950s and a pivotal figure in Southern Republicanism, is fea-tured in a Bush-Quayle television advertisement saying: "I would never support racial quotas and I am proud to stand with our president today". There is "not a grain of truth" in Mr Buchanan's charges, the advertisement, aired in South Carolina yesterday, concludes. .

President Bush's advisers hope that their battered candidate has now entered a

calmer zone of the battlefield. Texas, where Mr Bush's offi-cial residence is an \$800 (£465) a night hotel suite, is an immense, expensive and uninviting place for an outsider like Mr Buchanan to compete in. Mr Bush spoke in Houston this week of the tears in his eyes when he came home to the sight of bluebonnet flowers in the fields and cattle lowing on the range.

Texans are likely to believe him in sufficient numbers to knock Mr Buchanan below his 36 per cent score in Georgia. The latest poll yesterday showed Mr Bush with a lead

Florida, too, is favourable

Republican party is dominated by Cubans in the south and retired military officers in the north. Mr Buchanan's ideal of returning America to its white European values is no message to take to Miami. Nor is his isolationism and opposition to the Gulf war likely to win him friends around Tampa, where Presi-

kopf on Wednesday. The greater White House worry is that Mr Buchanan will weaken Mr Bush in Florida for the general election. After the Democrat victory in ast year's governor's race, Republicans expect a close fight this November, particu-

dent Bush campaigned with

General Norman Schwarz-

larly if Mr Clinton is the Democrat nominee. The Clinton campaign looks strong in Florida. The

Arkansas governor, who ear-lier this year had been seen as leading the Democrat right, is now bidding hard for traditional black and blue-collar voters against the more business-oriented campaign of Mr Tsongas. This reversal, like the numbling of the president, the withdrawal from the race by Mr Kerrey and the end, for the moment of sex and draft-dodging politics, is the story of the 1992 nomination campaign as it enters its most critical phase.

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Burma's bombs rain down on defiant Karens

Burma's Karen guerrillas are resisting an offensive by the military junta of unprecedented scale and ferocity, writes Adam Kelliher in Manerplaw

The Burmese air force waits for morning mist shrouding the mountainous eastern jungles to lift before bombing and strafing Manerplaw, capital of the resistance movement against the military junta.

Missions aimed at extinguishing the insurgency now take place daily. One raid this week came as we were about to begin a lunch of sweet tea, rice and freshly plucked bananas. Our host Tuja Manam, was first to hear the distant drone of piston-engined bombers and said with a blase air: "It's time to go now. Here come the planes.

We stumbled out of his thatched hut down to the banks of the Moei river to shelter beneath a cliff and view the raid. Karen guerrillas manning heavy-calibre machineguns on craggy hilitops opened up, pasting the skies with a wild range of fire that kept the predators at a high altitude.

The pair of Swiss-made aircraft of the Burmese air force lazily circled as they selected targets and then began a series of howling dives out of the hazy blue sky. Bombs were released at about 1,500 ft and obliterated a grove of vines, bamboos and hanging flowers some 500 yards away. Next came several sloppy strafing rurs with newly equipped Galling guns.

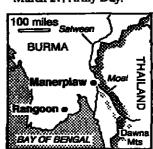
A fter about 30 minutes, the aircraft peeled off, and echoing counterfire stopped. A soft hiss sig-nalled that the second attack was coming, this time from F6 jets, a Chinesemade version of the MiG 19. These dropped bombs on supply bases.

The raid underlined the

Karen rebels' vulnerability China and Singapore-based arms dealers are Rangoon's main suppliers, but the junta has also secured hard cash from Japanese, Thai and Taiwan businesses eager to buy Burmese gems and teak. The Karens have been fighting the power of Rangoon since 1949. But the scale and ferocity of this year's dry-season offensive are unmatched. When Rangoon crushed anti-government demonstrations in 1988, dissidents fled to the swath of territory held by the Karens in eastern Burma bordering Thailand. with Manerplaw becoming the seat of an alternative coalition government.

Karen officials estimate that 14,000 soldiers backed by air power and artillery have been involved in the offensive, which so far has conquered three strongholds to the south, areas that provided the Karen militants with some 70 per cent of their revenue from cross-border taxation.

The advance has been blocked by guerrillas resisting on peaks overlooking the Salween river. If these posts are lost, Rangoon will have artillery firebases from which to pound Manerplaw, which they have declared must be captured by March 27, Army Day.



US makes aid deal with Hanoi

From Jamie Deitmer IN WASHINGTON

THE United States is to increase its humanitarian aid to Vietnam, in exchange for Hanoi's agreement to allow US experts to search for American servicemen still listed as missing in action from the

Announcing in Hanoi the \$3 million (£1.7 million) in additional aid yesterday, Richard Solomon, the US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian affairs, praised the Vietnam government for its willingness to co-operate in resolving the issue of missing servicemen. But he rejected Hanoi's calls for an immediate end to the American economic embargo on Vietnam.

Mr Solomon said: "As we see productive results in these POW-MIA [prisoners of war/missing in action) activities, the embargo will be lifted in stages." Over 2,000 American servicemen are still listed as missing in Southeast Asia.

In exchange for the increase in aid, Vietnam has agreed to a search programme for missing servicemen lasting two years.

It has also promised to work with neighbouring Cambodia and Laos to account for the lost servicemen.

China attacks Hong Kong tax rise

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

CHINA yesterday criticised Hong Kong's revenue-raising budget in the latest and most unexpected of attempts to interfere in the running of the Basic Law demands. colony while it is still under

British control. The attack came during a visit to the territory by Lord Caithness, the Foreign Office minister, who said Britain would not kowtow to Peking to smooth Hong Kong's return to Chinese control in

Lu Ping, the director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, said the 1 per cent increase in corporate profits tax to 17.5 per cent. announced by Hamish Macleod, the financial secretary. in his budget speech on Wednesday, was a breach of Hong Kong's post-1997 mini-con stitution, the Basic Law. Mr Lu accused Mr Macleod of



Caithness: kowtowing to Peking ruled out

increasing taxes to pay for ny last weekend. Lord Caithexpenditure, instead of tailoring government spending to the available revenues as

He said that expenditure on Hong Kong's ambitious airport and infrastructure programme would push up inflation, placing an unfair burden on the taxpayer. His remarks reflect China's concern to maintain Hong Kong's low-tax, capitalist system at a time when the communist regime is pressing for accelerated free-market reforms in its own economy. Since his arrival in the colo-

ness has become embroiled in a widening war of words with Mr Lu over plans to hive off Radio Television Hong Kong, which China wants to retain as a government mouthniece. Britain insists the privatisation is a matter for the Kong

Kong government, but in a move reminiscent of last year's Chinese campaign to win control over the airport, Mr Lu has threatened to make the fate of the radio station a matter for direct negotiation between Peking and London. Peking has also

begun appointing advisers on local politicians fear may be an attempt to bypass the local legislature.

 Entrepot talks: Nations cooperating on plans to develop a Hong Kong-style entrepot around northeast Asia's remote Tumen river will meet in Peking next month, a UN official said. Delegations from China, Russia, North Korea, South Korea and Mongolia are expected at the talks on the planned port and industrial complex straddling North Korea, Russia and China. (Reuter)

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ture (IUCN). "Although there

Africans offer ivory concession

FROM VIBEKE LAROI IN TOKYO withdrawn their requests that

the African elephant be re-

FIVE southern African nations yesterday offered the first concession in a heated battle over the ivory trade which has dominated a world wildlife conference in the ancient Japanese capital of Kyoto.

Botswana, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Namibia said they would consider a voluntary moratorium on the ivory trade which is currently banned worldwide, South Africa said it would continue to forbid any import or export of ivory or ivory products for the The five have not, however,

African elephant population fell by 50 per cent from 1.2 million in 1981. "This is the first tangible sign that we have received of art, head of the delegation from the International Union

classified under the Convenare still elements in the southtion on International Trade ern African position that cause some concern among in Endangered Species (Cites) to allow a limited trade member states of Cites. in ivory. The trade was IUCN hopes that all the parbanned at the previous Cites ticipants will recognise that meeting in 1989 after the this is a significant advance." The offer could be the basis for negotiations on a compromise, added Mr Stuart, whose organisation groups both government and nongovernment members.

ture of the proposed ivory

China foils UN vote on Tibet

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

AS TIBETANS marked their traditional New Year, all but cut off from the outside world yesterday, Peking celebrated its defeat of a draft United Nations resolution which would have condemned Chinese abuses of human rights, especially in Tibet.

In victorious mood, Wu Jianmin, the foreign ministry spokesman, said that China had "foiled" the resolution. which would have been the first international vote on Tibet since 1965. He described it as an "attempt by some people to interfere in China's internal affairs under the pretext of the so-called human rights issue".

Mr Wu blamed the censure motion on upper-class Tibetan agitators and hostile for-eigners. "The so-called human rights issue in Tibet is the sole making of a handful of Tibetans who in the past rode roughshod over the vast numbers of Tibetan serfs and are now actively engaging in national separation in collusion with certain international hostile forces," he said.

"The Tibetan issue has nothing to do with human rights but is one that bears on China's sovereignty," Mr Wu said. He added that all Chinese people, including minor-ities, enjoyed human rights. The resolution, which was

to have been tabled at the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, was sponsored by the European Community and supported by Tibetan exiles led by the Dalai Lama, their spiritual leader. China. however, enlisted the help of friendly Third World countries to counter-attack, with the result that the resolution criticising Peking was never put to the vote. All this just went to prove, said Mr Wu, quoting an ancient Chinese proverb, that "a just cause

enjoys wide support while an

unjust cause find little

Chinese troops marched into Tibet, which China says it had traditionally had suzerainty over, in 1951. The Dalai Lama fied in 1959 after an aborlive uprising, after which Peking began to change Tibet along communist lines. Many monasteries were de-stroyed or disbanded. Pro-tests against Chinese rule were organised in the capital. Lhasa, during the Tibetan new year in 1989, and Peking imposed martial law. In the bloodshed which resulted. officials said 16 people died. Tibelans say that the figure

was actually nearer 60. Fearing trouble in Tibet this new year. Peking last month banned all independent travellers from Tibet, allowing in only tightly-controlled tour groups. So far there has been no news of untest in Lhasa, but as foreign journalists are banned and diplomats are only rarely invited in, such reports tend

to leak out only slowly. In the past few weeks, Peking has produced a flood of propaganda aimed at creating the impression that Tibetans are delighted by Chinese rule. But the New York-based human rights organisation. Asia Watch, recently produced a report in conjunction with the London-based Tibet Information Network, stating that since 1987 about 360 political prisoners had been arrested, and that as of last September 240 remained

In the past few months Peking has allowed foreign human rights delegations into some of Tiber's prisons, but reports have emerged that political prisoners, who had dared to speak out about their conditions, were later beaten by their Chinese guards.

Sind rival of Bhutto dies at 57

Karachi — Jam Saddiq Ali, of Pakistan's southern Sind province and arch-enemy of Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister, died yesterday at his Karachi home aged 57 (Zahid Hussain writes).

The Sind administration declared three days of mourning, closing government offices and schools. The ailing chief minister died of cirrhosis of the liver. Mr Saddiq Ali ruled over Pakistan's most turbulent province, racked by years of bitter ethnic violence. In the 1990 elections he formed a coalition of independents and the Mohajir Qami Movement (Refugee People's Movement) to bring peace to Sind.

It is feared that his death may break up the coalition. leading to a resurgence of violence. Ms Bhutto repeatedly accused him of victimising her Pakistan People's Party, once the strongest party in Sind. She said thou-sands of party workers were in jail, most of them never charged. Mr Saddig Ali's government denied this and accused Ms Bhutto of running a terrorist organisation.

Coup crushed

Nairobi: Burundi has arrested about 30 soldiers who attempted a coup in the Central African country, according to state radio. Adrien Sibomana, the prime minister, accused Libya of backing the mutinous troops. (Reuter)

Assault case

Simi Valley. California: Four white police officers have gone on trial here charged with assault after a passer-by took a video of them beating up a black motorist. The video, widely seen on television, will be shown in court.

Royal salute

Wellington: A newspaper survey found that 72.2 per cent of New Zealanders want to keep the Queen. The result contrasted with a similar recent poil which found that just over half of Australians wanted a republic. (Reuter)

Lions' scare

Johannesburg: Many lions in South Africa's Kruger national park have the feline version of Aids, the Star reported. But it said they appeared to have built up an immunity. (AP)

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FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

Rites of wildlife lobby bewilder Japanese

A COMICAL stand-off has developed at this week's Kyoto conference on endangered wildlife species, between the Japanese delegation, with its supporting flocks of deferential and exquisitely dressed secretaries, and the zealous animal welfare campaigners from the rest of the world who have streamed on to Japanese territory with their provocative pamphiets.

The Japanese, who have few non-governmental campaigning groups of their own to speak of, and certainly none that would ever dream of attempting to sway the government, are bewildered by the international animal rights groups and their fiercely competitive campaigns for publicity and funds. As hosts this week of the Convention for Interna-

tional Trade in Endangered Species (Cites), the Japanese have politely handed out leaflets advising on protocol and the behaviour expected at a Japanese conference. But the home team is unaccustomed to long hair and sandals.

There has been much curiosity and a certain amount of envy expressed by the Japanese over the activists' rich array of colourful ties, which feature leaping gazelles, ti-gers and dolphins, and over the hippopotamus cufflinks and unisex animal motif jewellery. Young Japanese professionals, who live much of their lives under the strictures of corporate protocol. always fasten their shirt cuffs with clear buttons and wear plain-coloured ties until they reach a certain level of seniority, when they can graduate to striped or spotted ties. Muted paisley designs are generally reserved for director level, but a Cubist block print or a Liberty floral number would brand its owner a The world's animal rights

campaigners, for their part, have been astonished by their hosts, in particular by Japan's eating habits. After heated committee debates on the future of certain endangered species of turtle, delegates were shocked to find that Kyoto's most famous and exclusive dish was turtle soup, and that its second most famous delicacy is "dancing fish", a dish consisting of tiny live fish for

swallowing whole. Branded ten years ago as having the world's worst reputation as an importer of

wildlife, Japan has recently done much to clean up its image by supporting the international ban on ivory trading and agreeing to stop fishing squid with drift nets. It remains intransigent, however, on whaling and it still logs hardwood forests to unacceptable levels. Japan still has a long way to go to be world environmental leader.

Delegates have been puzzled by Japan's startling lack of evident wildlife. The Duke of Edinburgh, who visited the conference on Wednesday, spoke for many when he speculated that animal conservation might be extremely easy in Japan. On the way to Kyoto, passing through the vast metropolis of Osaka, "all I saw was one crow, and that was in the grounds of the imperial palace." he said.

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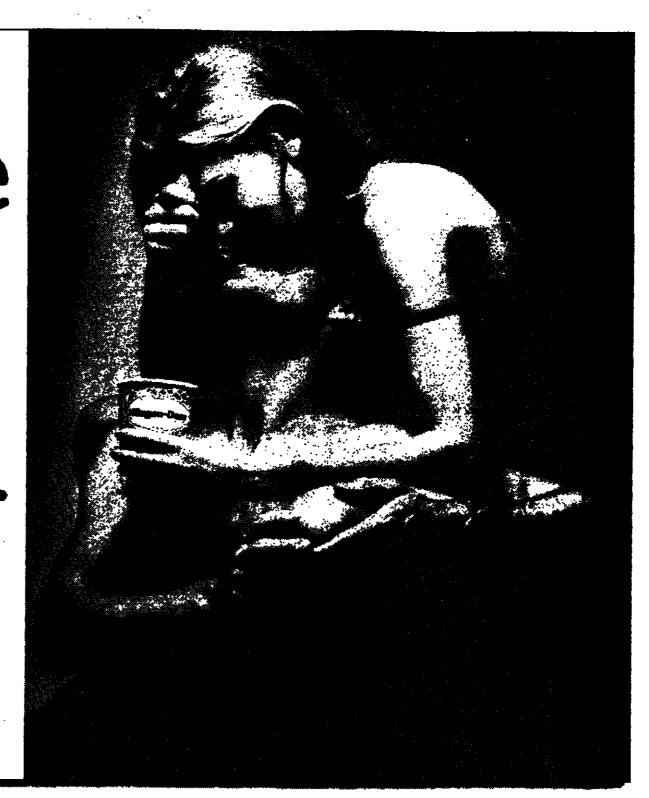
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Above their station

Philip Howard on TV's lack of social etiquette

Breeding isn't everything, is it? No, but it's a lot of fun, even vicariously on television. The AB television-watching classes were glued to their screens last night for Mary Wesley's The Camomile Lawn, the latest of the costume sagas that the British flatter themselves on being so good at, but which are always let

on being so good at, but which are always let down by their uneasy grasp of class.

Brideshead Revisited got the gilded youth of Oxford ludicrously wrong, even in the book. Evelyn Waugh was a brilliant satirist, but definitely not upper-class. That was one of his hang-ups. On television, Brideshead came out as high camp. It was declared, persuasively, by a former proprietor that the Daily Mail was written by shop assistants for shop assistants. Today his readers are also commuters on a line from Essex. Television dramas are made by the shop assistant classes. shop assistant classes.

The upper classes do not make TV programmes, and may not even own a set. They don't believe in class differences. Luckily, butlers and television directors disagree. It is the little nuances of class which add to the gaiety of the nation by going wrong, and sticking out like sore pinkies while drinking tea.

n The Camomile Lawn, no expense has been spared to create the illusion of London in wartime, and the melancholy atmosphere of steam trains full of standing troops. Mary Wesley is from the upper-middling classes, so the dialogue usually rings spot on. "Shall I do the greens? I know how" and "I feel a pill" sound to me and to Eric Partridge authentic period slang. I was less persuaded by the period correctness of some of the explicit sexual language, though I was not taking an interest in such lingo at the time, and am almost certain that "randy" in the sense intended is an anachronism.

It is when the programme gets to the manners of class that things, as usual, go hilariously wrong. Peter Hall, who directed The Camomile Lawn, and Ken Taylor (of The Jewel in the Crown), who wrote the screenplay, would indig-nantly deny the aspersion that they are upper-class. They come from the TV classes, ie lower-

middling and fascinated by class distinctions. The upper-classes of the period really were not excited by the absence of knickers, and they did not keep their napkins in rings, nor did they call them servicties. For a dinner party, even all fresco, they did not lay the pudding spoon and fork at the top of the place setting.

he dining classes of 1939 did not drink their brandy out of great engraved goldfish bowls of Waterford glass. They had been brought up to hold a bottle round the neck, but a woman round the waist, not vice versa. No gent then took cream in his tea, or knew the word bourgeois. It would have been a fearful solecism in those days to wear a stick-up collar with a black tie and dinner jacket. Stick-up collars were for white tie and full evening dress. I can see how a bright young props researcher might think stick-ups looked more classy, but when even stuffy old Uncle Richard turned out improperly dressed for the last dinner before war, he destroyed my willing suspension of disbelief. Being properly dressed for the occasion is the sole function of the

upper-classes. And their shibboleth. The odd custom of making a mooing noise like a plangent heifer while kissing someone on alternate cheeks has come in only in the last 10 years, and is from Surbiton, not Belgravia. The upper classes are reluctant kissers. Sunbathing to get brown is a recent craze of the middle-classes, who want to show off to their colleagues at work about their skiing holidays. The upper classes wore sunhats and rubbed lemon into their faces to preserve their true blue pallor. The programme did get the patronising class gradation to the vicar's wife just right, and also the crude anti-Semitism. But the only one of the whole bunch who got the class signals almost right was

Rebecca Hall, playing Sophy as a young girl.
The rest was lovely, romantic (sociologically wrong) high camp about a lost tribe who never existed like that at all. Felicity Kendal and Paul Eddington are lovely, but U they are not. Television has lifted the manufacture of class nostalgia out of the sphere of handicraft, and made it a major industry. With the rest of the shop assistant classes, I am waiting agog for next Thursday. With my notebook.

Lynne Truss reviews The Camomile Lawn in today's Life & Times, page 3.

The massacres in Nagorno-Karabakh may be the first of many as Russia retreats, says Mary Dejevsky

hen the Soviet Union became the Common-wealth of Indone wealth of Independent States, so-called, there were widespread predictions of vioence, even civil war. In the short term the predictions have proved false. The vast expanse of Russia is at peace.

Without the threat of central intervention, however, existing local conflicts have sharpened, and as the political map has changed, so have the ramifications of these conflicts. The almost constant fighting in Na-gorno-Karabakh and the bullets flying sporadically in Moldavia are still only local conflicts, but the regional contexts have changed beyond recognition.

So long as the Soviet Union existed, fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia or Moldavia could be treated as peripheral. It was Moscow's problem, and the metaphorical fence which surrounded the Soviet Union acted as a reasonable assurance that it would spread no further.

That fence melted away with

Bloodstains on the map

the Soviet Union. Those small regions and republics on the edge of the empire can suddenly be seen in their geographical—
rather than their political—
surroundings. For Nagorno-Karabakh, Moldavia and their
neighbours, the world no longer ends at the Soviet frontier.

Nagomo-Karabakh, in disputed territory at the meeting of Christian Armenia and Muslim Azerbaijan, has become part of a circle which includes Ankara. Baghdad and Tehran. Moldavia is part of a circle which encloses Romania and the Balkans. Local conflicts such as these can no longer be dismissed as someone else's problem; nor will they be safely contained by the Soviet perimeter fence. Tur-key and Iran are openly competing for the favours of the former Soviet republics in the south.

Both have been tempted to try to

settle the Nagorno-Karabakh however, may show less caution. conflict, if only to remain on good, and potentially profitable. terms with them. Should full-scale war break

out between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh - which is still not inevitable -Turkey, Iran and others may be tempted to take sides. Turkey has old scores to settle: Iran wishes to "protect" Azeris related to its own Azeri population. For both, there is influence, and possibly territory, to be won. Any attempt by either to grab territory or "buy" influence

might encourage others not only contest the victors' right to their spoils, but to test the weakness of other parts of the southern Soviet border. Western countries, for their own reasons. have studiedly declined to exploit Moscow's current weakness openly. Others, The party least likely to intervene directly at present is probably Russia. Contracting almost before our eyes. Russia seems to feels no obligation except to its own — a commitment that ends at the official border of Russia, possibly even short of it, now that the country has almost. washed its hands of the north-

em Caucasus as well.

The ideological background to Russia's disengagement was given in the Nezavisimaya gazeta this week by the leading democratic commentator Dmitri Furman. "If the USSR and Gorbachev had a moral right, even a duty", he wrote, "to act as a gendarme in establishing order on the territory of the USSR — which was, after all, a single federal state - then Russia, which helped to destroy the union, has no such right."

Warning Russian against even an attempt to mediate, he went on: "It was too recently that we were the 'Big Brother'. our great-power habits are still too strong for anyone in the Caucasus to believe that our mediation is not simply a covert attempt to 'return'."
Furman's views are not fully

shared by the Russian leadership, which draws a distinction between intervention, which it rejects, and mediation - by which, as Boris Yeltsin's latest appeal suggests, it may seek to preserve some regional influence. In other words, the Commonwealth high command seems to be similarly intent on retaining influence, propos-

ing a joint Commonwealth peace-keeping force. Its deeds, however, show something different. The high command's response to the upsurge of violence in Nagorno-Karabakh was to order first the neutrality and then the with-drawal of former Soviet troops, to prevent them becoming em-broiled in a conflict they had initially been dispatched to prevent. When a land withdrawal became difficult, an airlift was arranged. In Moldavia, the high command has also instructed CIS troops not to intervene.

In neither place does this order mean that troops will not act independently, but it does mean that they act without Mos-cow's backing. Suddenly, it seems, a speedier withdrawal of all former Soviet troops from other regions, including the Baltic, is hindered less by considerations of dignity than by practicalities: housing the returning officers and transporting the hardware.

Moscow, as the military men are undoubtedly aware, looks much further now from the Caucasus than it did last autumn. And the Caucasus looks correspondingly closer to the caul-dron of the Middle East.

Lamont's Budget jitters

The Chancellor faces a gloomy Tuesday, writes Peter Riddell

orman Lamont's problem is that he cannot hide his in-nate Celtic pessimism. Unlike ebullient forerunners such as Denis Healey or even Nigel Lawson, he is not a dissembler and does not always look as if he enjoys his job. So he does not inspire confidence, either with the public or cabinet colleagues.

Personally gregarious, Mr Lamont is sensitive to criticism and at times awkward with colleagues. He lacks the essential political attribute of, say, Kenneth Baker, of behaving as if everything will turn out for the best. At the defence ministry during the Westland crisis, no one thanked him when he correctly forecast the difficulties ahead for Michael Heseltine and Leon Brittan.

Mr Lamont has never looked at ease in his 15 months as Chancellor. Treasury officials believe he lacks the political weight of his predecessors. Although he may have exceeded his ambitions, he has every reason to look miserable, for he became Chancellor at the worst possible time. Thanks largely to earlier decisions, he may have the unique distinction of only ever presiding over a contracting economy. He is also now having to say things which he knows conflict with the Thatcherite orthodoxy of the 1980s.

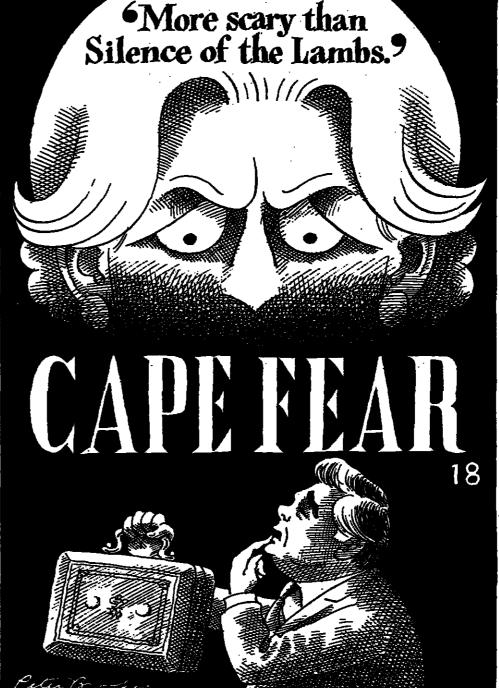
His Budget speech next Tuesday will be designed to launch the election, and will be as much a product of the politicians at 10 Downing Street as of the economists at Number 11. But whatever his inner feelings and the chilly spectre of Margaret ThatIN POLITICS

cher over his shoulder, Mr Lamont will be offering a selective view. A candid account would admit that the government un-derestimated the strength of both the late 1980s' boom and the early 1990s' recession. John Major's push, as Chancellor, for entry into the exchange-rate mechanism was correct on a long-term view, but the shortterm timing was unfortunate, with the British economy out of line with Germany and an election near. As Chancellor, Mr Lamont has suffered from his officials misjudgment of the timing of recovery.

But — a candid Mr Lamont

might continue - the recession has not been all bad news. For work and not afraid of losing their jobs or homes, living standards have continued to rise steadily, by about 3 to 4 per cent a year. Mr Lamont would be jeered in the Commons if he said most of you have never had it so good", but it is true. Equally, he can hardly admit that times are not going to be as favourable in future. Wage rises are becoming smaller, so the growth of real incomes may slow.

Rising unemployment and voters' worries about public services have forced the govern-ment to relax fiscal policy. The more that ministers protest their consistency over public borrowing, the less plausible their claims look. In an interview this week, Mr Major said you could



count on the lingers of one hand the number of years since Henry VII when we have not run a borrowing requirement". That is utter nonsense, as even a cursory study of pre-Keynesian public finance would show. But it is not just the ghosts of the Tudors. Gladstone and Mrs

Justifying his 1981 Budget, when the tax burden was raised to limit the rise in public borrowing in face of a deep recession. Sir Geoffrey said, "It is the experience of governments around the world that if we try borrowing too much, then either interest rates, or inflation, or Thatcher that haunt the budget: both, begin to soar." Mr Lamont will doubtless do not forget Sir Geoffrey Howe.

argue that circumstances are different from those of 1981. Then, a tight squeeze was necessary since public borrowing had risen very sharply as a share of national income. Now, it is only two years since the public sector was repaying debt, and the relative share of debt is among the lowest in Europe. Moreover,

since ERM membership means

that interest rates have to be kept up in line with German levels, the only flexibility is on the fiscal side. This may justify a rise in public borrowing in re-sponse to the recession, but ministers are trying to use that cloak to justify big increases in discre-tionary spending unrelated to the recession, as well as tax cuts.

Consequently, borrowing is on a strong upward trend, which will be hard to reverse once the recession is over. Borrowing may rise to near the levels of the early 1980s. No wonder Mrs Thatcher finds it hard to hide her well-justified fears. No one will believe Mr Lamont if he pretends that it will be possible to return to a balanced budget in the course of the economic cycle while also reducing income tax. Even if the aim of a balanced budget is dropped, borrowing in the next two years will probably exceed the limits in European Mone-tary Union guidelines.

f Mr Lamont were candid. he would say that taxpayers had better count their bless-ings while they can, since whoever wins the election, the next fiscal moves will be restrictive. Spending plans will have to be cut back in the autumn, and the tax burden will rise. Welcome to the austere 1990s.

Mr Lamont knows his party duty is to sound positive and give everyone a little of what they want as well as a long term tax strategy, but he cannot appear too generous. In the last ten days, ministers have become nervous about suggestions of spiralling borrowing and large tax cuts. Instead they talk about prudence and a recession-busting budget. That is mostly hog-wash, but Mr Lamont will not want to be outbid in any contest of responsibility with John Smith, a more naturally reassur-

ing figure.

The government may be damned whatever it does. Roy Jenkins, whose cautious 1970 Budget was unfairly blamed for losing Labour the election that June, has warned that Mr Lamont is in danger of joining the list of "the great improvident Chancellors of the post-war era" (Maudling, Barber and Law-son). Lord Jenkins was uncomfortably near the mark when he said that the reaction of Mr Major and Mr Lamont to their predicament has been to screech at their opponents like "southern American, crooked TV evangelists denouncing sin".

...and moreover

almost wrote to *The Times* on Tuesday.

more than a two penn'orth. It was a major contribution. Pos-Over the past couple of weeks, those of you who have unaccountably found your attention wandering from this page onto the one opposite may have spotted a fitful correspondence about weather broadcasts, in which most of the fits have been brought on by the correspondents' inability to stop their own attention wandering while the forecasters babbled. In consequence, the morning listener who is, say, contemplating a picnic on South Utsira, discovers, after he has finished shaving, that he cannot remember whether or not he needs to take a scarf.

Now, up until Tuesday, I had kept out of all this: on the issue itself. I did not care one way or the other, the whole affair struck me as a private matter between the Met Office and people with more Basildon Bond than sense, but, more important, the BBC, my occasional employer, is in enough trouble as it is without having countless customers asking for the refund of their license money on the grounds that they intend going back to a nice reliable bit of scaweed. On Tuesday, however, something happened which overwhelmed both apathy and self-interest: whereupon I raised my dander. filled my pen, and grabbed my

But I did not write the letter. Because the more I thought about the two penn'orth I was going to add to the debate, the sibly even a crux. Ten bob would I had been watching the

BBC's One O'Clock News, which had drawn to its customary close with the weather forecast. The map of Britain materialised, the delightful Suzanne Charlton began waving at it, and then, behind her and over northern Scotland, the following words appeared: "Glare from the sun could cause problems." Suzanne, though, did not expatiate upon this. Suzanne merely smiled, and vanished.

I do not know when weather forecasting began. I assume some tree-dweller noticed that something funny had happened to the fir-cones again, and, even though he did not know what two and two were, put them together; and then, soon afterwards, the isobar, anti-cyclone, occluded front and so on were invented, to enable unintelligibility to be deployed in the service of an elite who could thereby become personalities and earn a decent crust opening supermarkets

Which spelt trouble; for once authority sprouts a household face, our relationship with it changes utterly. Over the past few years, weather-persons have become our friends, to the metonymic point where we not only listen to what Francis or Ian or Suzanne is saying, rather than what the Met Office is saying, we also hold them accountable for what is said. Thus it was that more I came to feel that it was it fell to Michael Fish to apolo-

gise personally for the 1987 hurricanes of which he failed to warn us, and thus it is that, ever since, his colleagues have taken great pains to alert us to everything which might possibly happen, so that we do not run round to their place afterwards and poke them in the eye. They do so, moreover, not in the old exclusive jargon, but in simple practical terms: it's icy roads, so mind how you go, take a sun hat, bung polythene over delicate plants, secure wobbly fences, wear gumboots, keep high-sided vehicles away from pollen, all that. Applied meteorology.

And now look where we are. We have apparently reached the point where we need to be alerted to the purely speculative, just in case it means something the forecaster hasn't tumbled to yet, and we end up blaming him for it. "Glare from sun could cause problems," ch? What kind of problems? How?

For whom? Is it merely a question of ornithologists having to squint a bit in order to spot eagles, or something broader, eg InterCity grinding to a halt due to the wrong kind of glare falling on the rails? Could it, cf the 1987 débâcle, even be coded bet-hedging over the ozone colander, is there risk of structural damage to Caithness residents, eg hair falling out, noses sud-denly peeling? And what are the Scots sup-

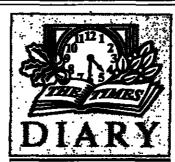
posed to do about it? Well, until they hear further from Suzanne, the best advice I can offer them is to show the sun they just don't give a damn. Glare back.

Wait and **CPS**

WITH the election hanging in the balance the Centre for Policy Studies, the influential think-tank which was in the vanguard of Thatcherism, has postponed the appointment of a new director. Since John Major became prime minister, the CPS, set up by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Jo-seph in 1975, has been fraught with internal disagreement, some members accusing David Willetts. the outgoing director, of siding with John Major with unseemly haste after the fall of Mrs

The choice of a successor to Willetts, who is standing down to fight a safe Tory seat, will deter-mine whether the CPS abandons Thatcherite ideology once and for all. Many of those tipped for the post are involved in the election. and the directors of the CPS will now wait until after polling day to ensure a wider sweep of candidates. Whether those candidates will still want the job if Labour wins the election is another matter, as the CPS will clearly then

have less influence. if the Tories win, Willetts's deputy. Dr Sheila Lawlor, who specialises in education and supports the abolition of teacher-training colleges, is the dear favourite. If they lose their marginal seats. Francis Maude, the treasury minister, and Michael Fallon, the junior education minister may also be in the running. But if Labour, wins, the CPS will want to promote more adventurous poli-cies for the Conservative Opposition. It might then opt for a more radical candidate, such as Patrick Robertson, the 23-year-old former secretary of the Bruges Group, who achieved notoriety by claiming that the price of Mrs Thatch-



er's fall was paid with the blood of thousands of innocent Kurds. Both Major and Mrs Thatcher will be consulted over the succession, though of course they may well not see eye to eye.

• Opinion pollsters have displayed remarkable solidarity after the Tory onslaught on the methods used by NOP, whose latest poll showed the Labour party ahead in key marginal constituencies. But what is a suitable collective noun for this unlikely union of rivals? A trend? A swing? A point-to-point? Robert Worcester. chairman of Mori, says:
"We're definitely a sample of pollsters." Within the margin of error,
Robert Waller, of Harris, disagrees: "You could call us parkers
— after nosey parkers."

Dis-spelled

THE Queen has been asked to declare the witches of Salem inno-cent. Exactly 300 years ago. 20 people in the Massachusetts town were accused of sorcery and publicly executed. Representatives from Salem wrote to Buckingham Palace earlier this year with a request for a "symbolic declaration of innocence".

clamation could be made only by Parliament, and suggested that

the Salem Tercentenary Committee contact the prime minister. The possibility of a pardon for the victims of the most infamous witch-hunt in history is now being considered by Downing Street. "The 20 who died were victims of hysteria, and the people of Sa-

lem feel strongly that the names of their ancestors-should be cleared by the British Parliament," says Neil J. Harrington, Mayor of Salem. Both the Queen and her prime minister have been invited to the town on July 19 to attend the unveiling of a memorial statue to the three Towne sisters, two of whom were hanged, while the third went on to prove her sisters' innocence. Arthur Miller - whose play The Crucible used the Salem witch-hunt as a metaphor for Mc-Carthyism - has promised to attend the ceremony.



Taxer's tipple

WHEN the Chancellor rises from his bench next Tuesday to deliver the crucial Budget speech, clut-ched in one hand will be a large tumbler of malt whisky to steady his nerves. Norman Lamont will take advantage of the tradition The Queen replied that the pro- permitting the Chancellor to drink alcohol in the Chamber while delivering a Budget speech - the

only time that MPs are allowed to bring drink into the chamber (other than skinfuls, that is). Last year, when there was less pressure on Lamont to deliver an election-winning package, he was content with an insouciant glass of mineral water, but or. Tuesday his Highland Spring mineral water will be mixed with Highland Park

whisky, distilled in the Orkney Islands, close to Lamont's native Shetlands.
If the Scottish nature of Lamont's tipple is an effort to appease the Scots for a rise in duty on their national drink, he may find they won't swallow it. A tartan-clad Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the Tory MP, says: "It would be a heresy and an abomination to drink

malt with fizzy water. It is acceptable with still water. But Scotch should be drunk on its own. Alas, some of my colleagues have weaker heads than others."

Time and ties

IT MAY come as a shock, but that embarrassing 1960s psychedelic tie at the back of the wardrobe, which you wouldn't use now to tie up the exhaust of your car, is a potential museum exhibit. The Victoria & Albert Museum

is hunting for outrageous and tasteless ties to include in their Great Tie Extravaganza in the new European Ornament Gallery. No design is too repulsive, no colours are too clashing, say the organisers.

Juliette Foy of the V&A - perhaps recalling the garish neckwear sported the erstwhile director Sir Roy Strong - warns: "To be included, a tie would have to be pretty gross, and the best will probably come from the kipper-tie brigade. We will identify the donors, but if people are too shy to admit they own such things, we'll keep them anonymous."

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BATTERED BY BACKLASH

The American election campaign now swings south, with President Bush struggling to repair the substantial damage inflicted by Patrick Buchanan, his Republican challenger. He has been forced on the defensive by Mr Buchanan's strong showing in the clutch of primaries on Tuesday, where he took around a third of the vote, kept up the momentum of his high velocity campaign and fired a salvo of charges against the president's leadership that have battered Mr Bush's credibility.

So far the response has been flaccid. Instead of standing firm on his record. Mr Bush has tacked to the right in an attempt to recapture disaffected conservatives. He admits that his reneging last year on his 1988 promise not to raise taxes was a "mistake". He has encouraged rumours that he may dismiss Nicholas Brady, his loyal treasury secretary. As he begins a frenetic six-day tour of the south, he is putting on his folksy clothes and Texan drawl and telling voters that he has heard their protest but still "feels good" about the primaries. People would soon see, he predicted in Florida on Wednesday, "that I'm the person to lead the country".

Most voters do not see this. Nor do they feel good. They see around them a stubborn recession, a deadlocked budget, a spiral of crime and drug-related violence, a collapse of education, growing racial discord and a social malaise that has allowed the thoughtpolice of political correctness to dominate the discussion with censorious attempts to compensate for all society's inequalities of race, gender, wealth and opportunity by levelling legislation. They see in Mr Buchanan a man not afraid to voice their fears and prejudices, a man who puts "America first", who appeals to atavistic patriotism, who harks back to an imagined age of stability before

America lost its moral bearings. Lacking the steady experience of James Baker, his former campaign manager, or the late Lee Atwater, his pit-bull strategist, Mr Bush's team is floundering. The more he tries to answer the charges of abandoning the Reagan mantle, the more he attempts to

be all things to all voters, the more he looks like "President Noodle" in the dismissive soubriquet of The New York Times. Unable to articulate or project his philosophy and political beliefs, he lacks the magnetism to draw and hold the coalition of conservatives, Reagan Democrats and the radical young who formed the bedrock of his predecessor's strength. All Mr Bush's best qualities become electoral liabilities: his pragmatism is viewed as opportunism, his moderation as vacuousness, his decency as detachment.

The president has not lost his nerve. He has been here before, and triumphed over his critics in 1988 who wrote him off after a weak start to the campaign as an East Coast establishment wimp. He has a thick skin in public, and is not afraid to take savage measures to restore his popularity. In 1988 he made notorious use of the release of a black rapist in Massachusetts. This year he has already thrown to the wolves. John Frohnmayer, the hapless head of the National Endowment for the Arts, which Mr Buchanan accuses of pandering to blasphemy and homosexuality.

Mr Bush's supporters also point out that he has steadily accumulated convention delegates, already 319 compared with only 20 for Mr Buchanan. They say his strategy is to push on, state by state, until he has an unbeatable lead, by which time Mr Buchanan will be persuaded to withdraw so as not to divide the party further. This strategy will undoubtedly succeed. But in election campaigns, perceptions and expectations are the yardstick, not just vote totals. By doing so much better than expected, Mr Buchanan has made Mr Bush look vulnerable.

The president's victories have been pyrrhic. He is helped by the continued absence of a credible Democratic alternative. But he must now take stock of his campaign, concentrate on his beliefs and achievements and not just indulge in Gulf war nostalgia and convince the country that he is still the best man to lead it for another four years. A president elected by default would enter the White House under a terrible handicap.

MARGINAL ERROR

Ignore canvass returns, straw polls and especially what candidates say they are picking up on the doorstep. Discount private polls and view with scepticism polls carried out in marginal constituencies, such as NOP's yesterday, showing a 7½ per cent swing to Labour since 1987. The best guide to the election result is that provided by opinion polls which are truly national, and only then if they reveal (as they should) their sample size, fieldwork dates and a summary of the methods they use.

The Victorian days when experienced party agents correctly guessed national elections to within a few seats are long gone. Voters fib, telling canvassers what they think they want to hear. Parties lie, telling the public that the canvasses show what they would like them to show. Candidates delude themselves, always detecting a strong tide of opinion in their favour.

Parties also lie about their private polls. The Market Research Society has made valiant efforts to control this abuse. The pollsters too are fighting it, calling a press conference at the Commons yesterday to show that they are squeaky-clean. They may or may not succeed. But there are plenty of published polls, 54 during the 1987 election, so private polls can be safely disregarded.

Polls of marginal seats are less easily dismissed. The new NOP poll, for the Local Government Chronicle and the BBC's Public Record, is not entirely convincing. It was conducted in a single day. It mixed Tory/Labour and Tory/Liberal Democrat marginals, which may be behaving very differently from each other. These flaws, however, are not why Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, preemptively leaked it and

rubbished it. Had NOP put the Tories ahead, the methodological flaws would have passed Mr Patten by, just as he will hear no criticism of

his party's own private marginal polls, which show it in front. In theory, marginal polls use the same methods as national polls. Since they are conducted only in the seats which will decide the outcome, they ought to be more accurate indicators of its result. In practice, their performance has been patchy. Some, like Morr's for this newspaper at the last election, have been spot on. Others, like the poll that caused the Tory "Black Thursday "during the 1987 election, have thrown up inexplicably wild results.

In theory, voters in marginal seats may behave differently from voters generally. Tory strategists are claiming that this may happen this time. The Tories are well organised in the key marginals. They look for a further boost from the incumbency effect, which stops voters throwing out sitting MPs.

Practice may again be different. Few psephologists think organisation matters. The incumbency effect is worth more — up to 1,500 votes - but it appears to apply only on the first occasion that a newly-elected MP defends his seat. That applies to just five Tory seats. The salest assumption is that the swing in the marginals will be the same as the national swing. For there is no need to stare into such clouded crystals when the book is there to be read. The book shows that there are regional and local peculiarities in election results, but that on aggregate, national swing is an uncannily accurate predictor of the number of seats each party will win. The book also shows that the average error per party of national poll election forecasts in the 13 post-war elections is 1.2 per cent.

Yet national polls can still get it wrong, as they mostly did in 1970 and February 1974. They more usually get it right, as they have with precision in the past four general elections. As for the politicians, they should leave polisters to analyse public opinion - and get on with their job, which is to change it.

DYING OFF SCREEN

When Alec Guinness played eight parts in Kind Hearts and Coronets, one of the most delightful of the Ealing comedies, it was all part of the fun. These days it would be seen as a desperate attempt at cost-cutting. The old British film industry, never exactly healthy, is shooting what might be its final scene. Last year 12 films were made and so far this year, only one is in production. As recently as 1985, the rate was one a week.

The British have never cared much about their film industry, some even writing off cinema as a lesser art form. What subsidy it used to win came from the Eady levy on cinema tickets and through capital allowances that applied to all industries. Both have been abolished. A few million pounds a year goes straight from government to film development bodies, but it is popcorn compared with what happens abroad.

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State Special

The French government spends 15 times as much as the British government on its film industry; the German government, 20 times. Such figures are often bandied by the film lobby as evidence of the meanmindedness of government. Yesterday a conference sponsored by the Confederation of British Industry and the British Film Institute joined the chorus. But once again they failed to question the motives behind these foreign subsidies.

In other European countries, national cinema is seen as a prop to national culture. Britain evidently feels it needs no such prop: it already has superb theatre and excellent television. Moreover, the French or German resistance to being swamped by American culture is not just a reaction against a McDonald's society but masks an anxiety about the "imperialism" of the English language. American cinema is nowhere near as alien to the British as to others in Europe: it speaks the same language.

America has the economies of scale that Britain, even Europe, can never match. It is a monolingual country of near-fanatical cinemagoers. Though in its population it is slightly smaller than the EC, its cinema admissions are nearly twice as high. And while American audiences are culturally fairly homogenous, it is a rare film that can appeal from Palermo to Perth.

Britain is still good at the low-budget, quirky film. Where it used to excel was in hosting the production of foreign films. The number of British studios has fallen from 30 to five, and even they are underused. Though they are now promising new realism, unions have pushed up production costs. In spite of that. American blockbusters such as Star Wars, Batman and Indiana Jones were still

being made here in the 1980s. Steven Spielberg recently wanted to use Elstree to shoot Hook; deterred by the tax regime, he chose Hollywood instead. Since 1987, visiting actors have had 25 per cent tax withheld from their salaries. Jack Nicholson's objection to this was one reason why Batman 2 was not shot at Pinewood. The government may well baulk at directly subsidising British cinema, but it seems perverse to use the tax system actively to deter business that helps the balance of payments. This is one tax decision that Norman Lamont could usefully reverse next Tuesday. The film lobby would cheer; and a smile might even flicker briefly upon the usually inscrutable face of Sir Alec Guinness.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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In Portugal, a list that was orig-

inally to have been limited to only the

most important cultural objects is

now being expanded to take in

almost every work of art in the

country. As a consequence, it has

become bogged down in the bureau-

In Britain, we have seen a similar ballooning of the list of statutorily

protected historic buildings. The original list was largely confined to

canonic works of architecture of the

Georgian and earlier periods. Now

pithead baths, cabmen's shelters and

telenhone kiosks feature on a list that

runs to 400,000 structures. No list of

London is not only a world centre for the art trade but for art histori-

ans. Mr Renton may be certain that,

if he is rash enough to institute a list.

his office will be besieged with

cogenity argued demands for "spot listing" every time a work of art, dear to some faction of the heritage lobby.

From Ms Giulia Ajmone Marsan

Sir, Your leader claims that "the EC

is pressing for a list of heritage items to be made subject to internal trade

controls". Precisely because a single

market is to be created post-1992.

the EC has put forward proposals for

the restitution of works of art illegally

removed from one country and taken

It has also put forward proposals

for common documentation for ex-

port of works of art to non-EC countries. Both proposals allow

member states to keep their own

system of export controls, and would

also cover objects of a certain value and age, akin to the existing UK

These proposals are not an in-stance of EC "additional market

intervention", but a genuine and necessary attempt to find a com-

promise between the countries with a

strong, free art market and those

with an immense but inefficiently

GIULIA AJMONE MARSAN,

protected heritage.

The Art Newspaper,

Mitre House, 44-46 Fleet Street, EC4.

Yours faithfully,

February 29.

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Yours faithfully,

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Country Life,

February 29.

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King's Reach Tower,

Stamford Street, SE1.

Minister's 'myopia' on export of art

From Sir Denis Mahon, FBA

Sir. The self-congratulatory letter (February 29) from the minister for the arts concerning art exports begins by stating that he has "seen no evidence" that sales have been accelerated as a consequence of recent statements from his depart-

However, his letter (implying a profound acquaintance with the art market) bears witness to his own myopia rather than to the nonexistence of a trend which most people with just a little knowledge of human nature would regard as all too predictable.

The minister purported to address this problem of art exports by referring it to a committee which is housed in and serviced by his own department; and he persists in citing its so-called recommendation in support of his stance.

That body ingenuously accepted the poisoned chalice artfully pressed upon it by the minister: a choice between unrealistic financial arrangements which failed to enable the existing, widely-supported, "Waverley" system to operate, or the adop-tion of arbitrarily selective, quasiconfiscatory methods in order to secure major additions for the nation's museums and galleries.

I was reassured to see that you, Sir, show the robust common sense so implausibly claimed by the minister by making it clear in your leading article, "Art of first refusal" (February 29), that the second alternative would be unacceptable in a civilised society (however "feasible", if not viable, it might be in a fascistminded one). Nor, incidentally, can I believe for a moment that such a policy could find acceptance as that of the party to which the minister

If the cost of retention in this country were tantamount to legalised theft (to borrow Lord Perth's phrase, in a recent letter to Country Life) I must beg to be "included out".

Yours faithfully, DENIS MAHON, 33 Cadogan Square, SW1. March 1.

From Mr Clive Aslet

Sir, The problem with lists is their tendency to multiply. Mr Renton may believe that his mooted list of non-exportable works of art would "be highly selective and restricted to really outstanding heritage items". but there can be no guarantee that, once introduced, it would stop there.

Twyford Down route

From the Director of the British Road Federation Ltd.

Sir, Your leader, "A cutting too far" (March 2) and the letter from Professor Martin Biddle and his distinguished co-signatories (February 29) both argue for the M3 at Twyford Down to be put in tunnel.

The arguments are neither as narrow nor as simple as you or your correspondents would have us believe. The conclusions of two public enquiries lasting a total of 105 days filled 132 pages and covered a wide range of issues.

in addition to those like your leader-writer, striding the chalk downs feeling awed and humble, the public enquiries paid attention to those whose quality of life will be affected more directly and more permanentiy.

Nor did the enquiries ignore the impact on sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs), areas of ourstanding natural beauty (AONBs) or the scheduled ancient monuments. It is undeniable that the mad will have an impact on two SSSIs (there are more than a hundred in Hampshire), but it is certainly not true that they will be

destroyed. Equally, a visit to the rns will reactiv demonstrate the minimal visual impact a motorway (M40) need have through a chalk down.

In the end the second public enquiry concluded that all options -including a tunnel - would have a major environmental impact and

on the basis of evidence presented at these on ne basis of evidence presented at these enquiries, the environmental superiority of a major numel alternative is out-weighed by the combined effects of substantially higher capital costs and worse economic performance, a much delayed opening date, the implications of, adverse traffic distribution on Winchester and St Cross, the provision of large sites for soil disposal, and disruption to BR, which by comparison with the depart-ment's proposals are not justified.

All change involves a balancing of benefit and disbenefit. More important in economic and environmental terms than the extra cost is the further delay to a project which is long overdue.

Yours faithfully, PETER J. WITT, Director, The British Road Federation Ltd., Pillar House. 194-202 Old Kent Road, SEI. March 3.

Venetian churches From Lady Clarke

Sir, Although thefts from Venetian churches have happily declined, largely due to the insistence by the Superintendency of Arts on the installation of burglar alarms, the need for paid custodians has not. There are many more tourists, as Lord Norwich says (article, February 29) seeking out the cultural heritage of the city, 80 per cent of which is to be found in parish or vicarial churches whose congregations have dwindled and are unable to bear the whole financial burden of paying custodians and minor repairs.

In the past two years the municipality has responded to the appeal by the college of priests for a contribution towards these expenses for the months for April to October,

Academic skills

From Sir Graham Hills, FRSE

giving 30 million lire in 1990 and 50 million in 1991 — but this year their budget for culture has evidently been halved and there is nothing.

Don Aldo Marangoni, the priest responsible for liaison between the Curia and the local authorities, as well as the voluntary international funds such as our own, is due to meet the cultural councillor of the city on April 2. If the answer is still zero visitors may indeed be limited to early morning and late afternoon when churches are open for the usual services. But this should not discourage them!

Yours sincerely.

FRANCES CLARKE (Vice-Chairman), The Venice in Peril Fund, 8 St James's Place, SW1. March 3.

aware of the value of their vital

Sir, I found the letters from Geoffrey Alderman and Bernard Harrison (February 28) deeply depressing. It seems that my academic colleagues

have learned little from the last 15 years. Nothing so damages the morale in universities as whingeing and nothing impresses government less. There is no point in talking down the universities' prospects in this way, especially whilst the new universities-to-be uncomplainingly seize every opportunity presented to

British universities do not have to behave like supplicants and constantly to plead with governments for sustenance. Happily they have a major part to play in Britain's biggest boom industry, namely higher education. They need to be contribution to it and to behave accordingly. It is absurd and not very intelligent

to complain about underfunding when year by year almost all universities are taking in more and more students at the financial margin. Even the dimmest amongst us see that filling up with only partially funded students is incompatible with protestation of underfunding.

The way out of this miserable state of affairs is to assess the true costs of tuition and to recover those costs out of economic student fees. There will be no end to the hand-wringing until the true costs of undergraduate education are brought into the open.

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From the Chairman of the available for health care so that we have operating lists which are idle

Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties in the UK

further evidence of widespread sup-

port for radical revision. still needs to be done.

You promote alternative medicine: "look down" on general

There is no room for complacency and there is still much to do. Doctors in general and the Royal Colleges in particular have a major role to play in a world of rapid-changing technology, increasing patient demands and limited resources. In the end it is the mutual and equal partnership between doctors and their patients which counts, and this commitment will not change.

MARGARET TURNER-

Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, NW1. March 4.

From Mr Stuart L. Stanton

Sir. Your editorial delivers a series of stab wounds but fails to lance the abscess of discontent. No mention is made of conflicting signals from the government — to deliver better patient care, reduce waiting lists and become more cost effective. We see more and more administrators being appointed with less money being

Cures for the doctor's dilemma

Sir. Even if your leader, "The doctor's dilemma" (March 2) had been written 40 years ago, it would have been regarded as antiquated. Its description of medical education as "a mixture of rote learning and ritual humiliation" and that "facts alone are wanted bears no relation to the advances in medical education, such as the successful attempts at integrated or problemorientated teaching, the importance of ethical issues, the development of communications skills or the continued revisions of the examination system. The interim report of the GMC, Undergraduate Medical Education: the Need for Change, is

The Royal Colleges, together with the specialist associations, continue to strive for improvements in general professional and higher specialist training programmes which are already recognised as some of the most comprehensive in Europe. The Royal Colleges are determined to reduce training time where possible, and to support those in training and they recognise that much more

Their commitment to reduce junior doctors' hours without compromising training, their active support for medical audit and better information on costings of health care, as well as participation in management of the new NHS and their enthusiasm to contribute in Europe are all matters of fact.

this must pass the test that any medicine must pass - that is, to be shown to be effective through properly controlled evaluation. You also say that those in hospital practice titioners; in fact the partnership of mutual respect is flourishing, as witnessed by their combined work in the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges — as well as in day-to-day practice.

Yours faithfully,

WARWICK,

minor surgeons". Yours faithfully.

CHRISTOPHER M. McGEOCH (Consultant orthopaedic surgeon). 39 Berwick Road

School inspections

lauded.

From Mr Peter Dawson Sir, As the present general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers, may I clarify my personal views on the provisions in the Education (Schools) Bill which relate to inspection of schools (report, March 4). I believe that the secretary of state's intentions are to be app-

Anyone who thinks that present arrangements are satisfactory should read carefully the sections on school behaviour in the latest report of the senior chief inspector of schools. This states that, while there are serious problems in some primary schools. pupils in secondary schools are generally well behaved, polite, responsible, punctual and well motivated.

When asked by me to explain his disregard of all the disciplinary problems facing secondary school teachers. the senior chief inspector wrote back, a fortnight ago, to say that his inspectors found none. It is obvious that Her Majesty's Inspectors are out of touch, and that there is an urgent need to reconsider their methodology.

Yours faithfully, PETER DAWSON (General Secretary), Professional Association of Teachers. 2 St James' Court, Friar Gate, Derby. March 4.

It would then be up to the universities to charge matching fees to meet

these costs. At the same time they would invite, where necessary, all but the poorest of students or parents to top up the government's contribu-tion to the fee — which will always be large but inadequate - by, say, 10 per cent of the total fee.

It is likely that when students, staff. parents and employers realise the true cost of higher education, then a better deal can be done with govern-ment. The freedom thus won by the universities and colleges would enable them once again to stand on their own feet and break the habit of blaming everyone else for their plight

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM HILLS, Sunnyside of Threepwood, Laigh Threepwood, Beith, Ayrshire.

and intensive care beds which cannot be staffed.

Nothing was mentioned about the paucity of funds for research, which is fundamental to improve clinical practice and is an essential part of

postgraduate training. You cite an indifference to alternative medicine as one of our faults. but we have been brought up to look for objective scientific evidence of success in our conventional therapies. This same objective scrutiny is frequently lacking with alternative

medicine. Many of the NHS reforms are sensible and overdue. Doctors are becoming increasingly irritated at having to make even more cost savings when we see insufficient funds being directed towards the health service and ourselves made

political scapegoats. Medicine is still a vocation but it has to be satisfying like any career. It is now extremely difficult to try and combine the central interests of the clinical care of the patient and research, and the increasing demands on our time for administration and management.

Yours faithfully, STUART L. STANTON (Consultant gynaecologist and gynaecology manager). St George's Hospital Medical School, Lanesborough Wing. Cranmer Terrace, SW17. March 3.

From Dr Ronald Livingston Sir, I sympathise with any disillusioned doctor facing the current dilemma, hemmed in with restrictions as it is.

Within a very short time of experimenting with homoeopathy nearly 36 years ago. I have never looked back in terms of professional gratification at the long-term results I have been privileged to achieve in so many chronic cases generally regarded as incurable.

I can well remember how rapidly my outlook on life in general and medicine in particular became vastly widened and deepened by this comprehensive, rational, gently-acting and safe therapy. Not its least attractive feature is its cost effectiveness.

Yours faithfully, RONALD LIVINGSTON, Forsyte Folly, 20 Ravine Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset.

From Mr Christopher M. McGeoch Sir, Your leader writer crowed over the wresting by GPs of minor surgery from the hands of surgeons in hospitals. Any reader who is contemplating such treatment might like to consider the adage, "there is no such thing as minor surgery, just

Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Sir, I have just received two monthly

magazines of general interest. In

addition to the usual advertisement

features there were 15 pamphlets,

four for assorted insurance plans and

the rest for a friendly society, a

money-lender, garden/home care,

beds for backache sufferers, hearing

I also received two free so-called

newspapers. Surely it is time to curb

such a waste of national resources.

Sir, I would have thought that one of

the most popular crops in the

Chelsea Psychic Garden (letters, February 25, 29) would be flowers

returned from the spiritual state -

Bedlington, Northumberland.

aids and postcard sets.

Yours sincerely.

A. G. TOWERS,

16 Millne Court,

reincarnations.

Yours sincerely.

Floral insight

From Mr Malcolm Rogers

Excess baggage From Dr A. G. Towers

Always behind From Mr B. R. Barnfield

MALCOLM ROGERS,

The Robey, 240 Seven Sisters Road, N4.

Sir. How depressing to read the confession by the Head Valet of The Savoy (letter, March 4) that that once splendid establishment now admits men (one can hardly say gentlemen) who wear machine-stitched suits Not only does it admit them; it clearly permits them to take rooms. How ignominious for the valet

department to be obliged to repair

the consequences of their patrons'

parsimony. Yours faithfully B. R. BARNFIELD. 12a Westbourne Crescent, W2.

From Mr George Carbutt Sir, I would like to remind Dr Glaister (letter, February 28) that

only potatoes wear jackets. Gentlemen wear coats. Yours faithfully, GEORGE CARBUTT.

33 Greyhound Road, W6.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 5: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Pal-

ace this morning. The Queen, Patron, Royal Natevening attended a reception at St James's Palace and was received by the President (the Duke of Westminster) and the Director General (Mr Ian Bruce).

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robin Janvrin and Wing Com-mander David Walker, RAF,

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davies at the Memorial Service for Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe, which was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London, EC2, today. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 5: The Princess Royal, President of Patrons, Crime Concern, this morning attended the launch of the TSB Foundation Splash '92 Initiative at Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London, EC4. Her Royal Highness, Patron.

the Association of Combined Youth Clubs, this evening visited Duimore Youth Group. Epiphany Hall, Bassano Street. London, SE22; Elms Youth Club, Elm Lane Playing Fields, Elm Lane, Catford, London, SE6, and Grove Park Youth Club, Marvels Lane, Grove Park, London, SE12.

The Countess of Lichfield was

CLARENCE HOUSE March 5: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today honoured the First Sea Lord (Admiral Sir John Oswald) and the Navy Board with her presence at lun-

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

KENSINGTON PALACE March 5: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the expanded London City Airport at the Royal Docks, Silvertown

Her Royal Highness this after-tion visited Birmingham and noon visit was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford). The Princess of Wales opened Mary Stevens Hospice, Stour-

Her Royal Highness, President, Barnardo's, subsequently visited the Dudley Family Centre at Greystone Passage, Dudley.
Finally, The Princess of Wales, Patron, Relate, visited the Birmingham Relate Centre at 5-10. 10 Bishopsgate Street,

KENSINGTON PALACE March 5: The Duchess of Gloucester was present at a Lun-cheon and Fashion Show in aid of the Breast Care and Mastectomy Association at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London,

Mr Patrick Jephson was in

Mrs Michael Wigley was in

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 5: The Duke of Kent. Patron of the Tree Council, this afternoon attended a prizegiving ceremony for the "Royal Anniver-sary Trees" Schools Competition at Belgrave Square, London Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

Dinners

Arbitrators Company Alderman Sir Alan Traill, Lord Mayor locum tenens, and Lady Traill, accompanied by the Sher-iffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Arbitrators' Company held last night at Lin-coln's Inn. Mr Ronald Mildred. Master, presided and the other speakers were Mr Anthony Borley, Senior Warden, and Mr Ronald Bernstein.

Old Manemiaus Association Sir Geoffrey Littler and Mr Geof-frey Parker, High Master of the Manchester Grammar School, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the London section of the Old Mancunians Association held last night at the lnner Temple. Mr Alan Corbishley presided.

Royal Cruising Club Mr Hugh Kennedy, QC. Com-modore of the Irish Cruising Club, accompanied by Mrs Ken-

Service dinners

Corps of Royal Engineers
The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, the Attorney-general and the Min-ister of State for the Armed Forces attended a Corps of Royal Engineers guest night dinner held last night at RE Headquarters. Chatham. General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer,

Mounted Infantry Club General Sir Frank Kitson presided at the annual dinner (Mounted Infantry Club held last night at Boodle's. General Sir David Ramsbotham and Mr Christopher Curtis were the

nedy, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Royal Cruising Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Rear-Admiral R.M. Burgoyne, Director of the Royal Institute of Navigation, was among the guests received by Mr G.W. Nockolds, commodore.

Lady Olga Maitland, Chairman of the Families for Defence Patrons Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the Carhon Club. The Yugoslav Ambassador was the guest of honour.

HM Customs and Excise
Mrs V.P.M. Strachan, Deputy
Chairman of the Board of HM
Customs and Excise, was the
principal guest at the annual
dinner and re-union of the inmentioning discises held lest investigation division held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr Gibson Grenville and Mr Anthony Lovell also spoke.

Luncheon

Mr Piet Dankert, Dutch Foreign Minister, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the London Europe Society held yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Derek Prag. MEP, chairman, presided Among others present were:

The Ambassadors of Beiglum, Hungary and Lutembourg, Ministers from the Embassics of Germany, China, Sweden and The Nethertands, Lord Cobbold, Baron Vacs, Sir Frank Robents and Mrs Edwina Currde, Mr.

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Mr James Henry

> DEATHS MEYWOOD - On March 4th
> 1992, peacefully. Constance
> Kalhieen, of Pinner. Beloved
> wife and constant companion
> of Frank Loving mother of
> John and Peter: Funeral
> Service at Breakspear
> Crematorium. Russilp. on
> Tuesday March 10th al 3 pm
> (East Chapel) No Rowers
> please but donalions. If
> desired. lo the R.N.L.I or
> R.S.P.B. c/o T.A. Elioment &
> Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street.
> Pinner. Middx. HAS 3HR.
> HUNT - On March 4th. in BURBIDGE - On Thursday
> March 5th 1992, peacefully.
> Derrick Hayes Shaw (Derry).
> aged 77 years. Darling
> husband of Edna (Edwina).
> beloved father of Gillian.
> Christopher and Mark and a
> loving grandfather and greatgrandfather. The funeral
> service and committal will
> lake place on Tuesday March
> 10th at St. Margaret's
> Church. Ditchiling, Sussex. at
> 2.30 pm. Family flowers
> only, donations please to
> Motor Neurone Disease
> Association, c/a R.A. Brooks
> & Son, 35 Wivestield Road.
> Haywards Heath. West
> Sussex. Int: (0444) 454391.

The Princess of Wales listens in on instructions to an incoming pilot in the control tower of London City Airport. She was attending the relaunch of the Docklands airport yesterday after runway lengthening

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Reading University to celebrate the 100th anniversary of higher education in Reading at 11.30. The Princess of Wales will visit Centrepoint, Soho's special project for homeless 16 year olds, at Haberdasher's House, 306 Queen's Road, SE14, at 10.55. The Princess Royal, as President of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open the Dixon Community Belleisie House Residential Unit, Govanhill, Glasgow, at 11.45; will attend a luncheon at the Clydesdale Bank, 30 St Vincent Place, at 1,15; and

will visit the Parkhead Housing Association, 56 Dechmont Street, at 2.30. She will visit the Barrowfield Leather Company, 47 Solway Street, at 3.30; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will assend the Scot-tish British Olympic Appeal din-ner at the Royal Concert Hall at

Benenden School

Ship Awards:

Emily Bisset (Sixth Form Music and Trust Scholarship) Oxted County School: Margaret Fietis (Founders Scholarship) St Mary's Primary School. County Durham: Harriet Witheridge (Barbara Findiay Trust Academic Scholarship) Rom End PMEU School: Hannah Flarper (Trust Music Schoolarship) St Bede's: Elizabeth Henteage (Romorary Academic Scholarship) Fallmer House; Julia Pendiret (Honorary Academic Schoolarship) Hazelwood School Olivia Cotion (Honorary Music Schoolarship) Cumnor House. The following internal scholar-

Upper School Scholarships: Clare Baymun: Shanalle Chelleram: Cella Connes; Easie Dubols (Missee; Ill Fleming: Antonia Pyemoni (Misse); Lauren Swincy; Heide Runt (Trust Shah Porm Music Scholarship);

Pinner. Middx. HA5 3HR.
HUNT - On March 4th. In
hospital. Rose Es-elyn inee
Howel aged 87, widdow of
Joseph William of Chiswick
W4, dearly loved mother of
David, grandmother and
greal-grandmother. Funeral
Service 3.30 pm Wednesday
March 11th at Mortlake Cremalorium. Family flowers
only: any donations to Help
the Aged to W5. Bond.
Funeral Directors. 127 High
Road. Chiswick W4 2ED
(081-994 0277).
MILWARD - On February

MilwARD - On February 26th, peacefully in her sleep. Sybil Mary, widow of John Harry and much loved mother of Robin and John. Previously of Newdigate. Worplesdon and Eastbourne.

NUTTING - On March 5th. after lengthy Illness. Leste George W.D., late 12th Royal

Lancers, at his home in Walmarino, Raetihi, NZ. Husband of Dorsen Jose. Donations may be made lo National Heart Foundation or Cancer Research

Memorial services

Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davies at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burreses officiated and David Burgess officiated and Father Wilfrid Tighe led the prayers. Mr Carl Fisher, Master of the Painter-Stainers' Company, read the lesson and Mr Damian Gardner-Thorpe, grandson, read from the works of son, read from the works of Cardinal Newman. Sir Edward

Howard gave an address.
Edward Caesar, great nephew, sang Psalm 23. The Rev Waher Evans was robed and in the Sanctuary. Colour Sergeant C.L. Witten, 5th (V) Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, sounded Last Post and Reveille. Sir Robin Gillett, Lord Mayor locum te-nens, also representing the Order of the British Empire, Lady Gillett, the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and the Chief Executive of the City of Portsmouth attended. The Danish Ambassador was represented by Mr Flemming Axmark and the Mayor of Kensington and Cheisea by Mr Roger Barker. Others present included: Barker. Others present included:
Lady Gardner-Thorpe (widow), Dr Christopher Gardner-Thorpe (sort), Miss Catherine Gardner-Thorpe (grand-daughler), Mrs I Bray (Siter), Mrs M. Chesar, Mrs B Jones-Thomas, Mrs M. Holt, Mrs E de Retwyskow, Mrs A. Edojuan.
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The Commissioner of the City of

DEATHS

WAUCQUEZ - On March 4th, 1992. suddenly in Kraainem (Brussels). Sir Gabriel Waucquez (Barsels). Sir Gabriel Waucquez (Dame Nathalie van Wassenhove) falher of Mr Tanguy and Arthur Waucquez and Miss Olivia and Caroline Waucquez. Funeral will be held in The Crurch of Saith-Michel College. Boulevard St Alfchel in Brussels, Ellerbeek on Monday March 9th, 1992 at 11am, Val du Prince 1. B. 1996 Kraainem.

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WILKINSON - On March
2nd. peacefully al Guy's
Nuffletd House. Elicen Mary.
beloved sister and auni.
Service al St John's Church.
Ladbroke Crove. al 2.16 pm
on Tuesday March 10th.
Family flowers only.
Donallons, if desired. to
Guy's Scanner Appeal.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

STURDY - A Service to relebrate the lives of Roban and Margarel will be held at St Botolph's Church, Aspley Guise, at 2.30 pm on Sunday April 5th 1992.

LEGAL NOTICES

Landon Police, Mr Sheriff John Perring, the Chief Commoner and Members of the Court of Common Courcil, the Swortbearer. Aiderman of the City of London. Mr Deputy R W S Horlock (chairman, Sheriffs' Society, City of london), the Master of the Leathersellors' Company, the Master of the Marketors' Company, the Renner Warden of the Glaziers' Company (topresenting the Master). Mr Elchard Carr (representing the Master) of the Marketors' Company), the Chaptain of the Painter-Stainers' Company, Mr Beny Read (Glovers' Company), Mr Jonathan Chartham (representing the Governor of the Bank of England). Mr Neil Farrance (secremy, Bishopspate Ward Cut), Mr William Doyle (chairman, Bishopspate Foundation), Mr Denuty Bernard L. Morgan City Livery Near Patrace iscassary, "Season Near Calo), Mr William Doyle (chair-man, Rishopspate Foundation), Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan (Chy Ivery Cub, also representing the Warden of Bishopspate Ward).

Brigadier Bob Acovorth (Deputy Colonel, The Queen's Regiment), Lieutensant-Colonel Christopher Argent (Commanding Officer, 5th (V) Battalion, The Queen's Regiment), Lieutensant-Colonel U B B Alexander (The Buffl) and Mrs Alexander, Lieutensant-Colonel U B B Alexander, Data Butts Mansen, also representing The Queen's Regiment Officers Christ, Capitala addenies Smith (The Queen's Own Buffe Regimenta Association), Mrs Charles Hewitt (Old Paysboys Association), Colonel P B Reger (representing the chairman, SSAFA), Major-General, G L Payse (Central London, Season Mrs Charles Hewitt (Old Paysboys) and Mrs Charles Hewitt (Old Paysboys Association), Colonel P B Reger (representing the chairman, SSAFA), Major-General, G L Payse (Central London, Season Mrs Charles Hewitt South and Mrs London, Association, Culones ? B scaper pre-resenting the chairman, SAAFA, Major-General, G. I. Payse (Central London, SSAFA), Mr Reginalds Spink and Mrs L. Mitchel (Anglo-Danish Society), Miss Maralyn Lawis (The Duke of Edin-burgh's Award Scheme), Mr D H Piper (United Westminster Schools Founda-tion) Mr Strian Tows-Tennessmines the

Mr William Rees-Davies. QC The Speaker read the lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr William Rees-Davies, QC, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated and the Rev Roger Holloway led prayers. Miss Oonagh Rees-Davies, daughter, read the Prayer of St Francis, and the Rev Raymond Houldsworth, vicar of Minster and Monlaton, read from John Bunyan's Pilesters of Monlaton, Mr. Longthan, Mr. Longthan grim's Progress. Mr Jonathan Aitken, MP, gave an address. Mr Edward Heath, MP, and the Attorney-general attended.
The Greek Ambassador was represented by M Alexandros Rallis. Among others present

Michael Kingsley (nrother-in-law). Mrs. Charles Kingsley (nrother-in-law). Mrs. Charles Kingsley (nrother-in-law). Mrs. Thomase shouling.

The Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, viscount and Viscountes) Massercene and Fernard. Lord and Lady Johnston of Rockpost. Lord Dunbrynke. Lord Monlagn of Bezulieu, Lord Harman-Nicholis, Curdellis Lady Greenway. Mr. Alestair Goodlad, Mr., Sir William Clark, Mr., and Lady Cigak, Sir Edward and Lady du Chin, Mr Joillan Amery, Mr., Mr Paul Channon, Mr. Mr Cranley Onalow, Mr., Mr Michael Jopling, Mr., Sir Barney Rayhoe, Mr. Lady Edith Fouwell.

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Hon Robert Boscowen, MP, the Hon Sir Cilve Bossom, Sir Dallas and Lady Bernard, Sir Toby Clarke, Sir Malcolm Guthrie, Sir Nicholas Bonson, MP, Sir Francis and Lady Head, Sir Anthony Mcyer, MP, and Lady Head, Sir Anthony Mcyer, MP, and Lady Head, Sir Anthony Mcyer, MP, and Lady Myer, Sir Hoph and Lady Ripide, Sir Clifford Boulton (Clerk of the House of Commond, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, Sir John Langford-Holt, Sir Victor Goodhew, Sir Michael Neubert, MP, Sir David Price, MP, and Lady Price, Sir Bugh Rossi, MP, Sir Trevor Sheet, MP, Sir Taomas Arnold, MP, Sir Phillip Goodhan, MP, Mr Julian and Lady Caroline Paber.

MF Harry Greenway, MP, (vice-chairman of the Coppersymment Members Group), Mr P B Lacks (representing the Hawis Cubb), Mr George Tondinson (vice-president of British Limbies Esseviciencent's Association) with Mr John Phillips and other mambers of the association; Mr Gordon Enimen (Davison and Company), Mr Jeffrey Gordon Editades Stephens (representing the Egymanna) Lieutenant-Glood, Weish Gustris, Mr Kenneth Dibben (Two Clifes Dinling Club).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K.J. Ball

and Miss L.A. Batchelor The engagement is announced between Kevin, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Ball, of Yeovil, and Lucinda Ann. younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Richard Barchelor, of Walton-on-the-Hill. Tadworth, Surrey.

Mr T.B. Bradbury and Miss C.J. Slack

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Professor and Mrs Michael Bradbury, of London, NW11. and Clare, younger daughter of Sir William and Lady Slack, of

Mr P.C.E. Bullock and Miss C.E.G. Kent

The engagement is announced between Peter Charles Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs 1.M. Bullock, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire, and Catherine Elizabeth Georgina, only daughter of the late Mr D. Kent, and of Mrs Catherine Kent, of East Hendred, Oxfordshire.

Mr L.I.P. Carminger and Miss M.A. Goodman

The engagement is announced between Pontus, only son of Mr Lars Carminger and the late Mrs Yvonne Carminger, of Stock-holm, Sweden, and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sandy Goodman, of Offham House,

Mr J.A. Carver

and Miss S.E. Graham The engagement is announced the engagement is announced between John, younger son of Lord and Lady Carver, of Hampshire, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Sandy Graham, of Kirkcaldy, Fife,

Mr C.H. Collins

and Miss C.J. Shaw The engagement is announced between Christopher Henry, son of the late Mr Henry Michael Collins, OBE, and the late Mrs Collins and Claire Justine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham

Mr A.C.J. Creswell and Miss M.C. Green

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of the late Sir Michael Creswell and of Lady Creswell, of Ewhurst, Surrey, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Green, of Ely, Cambridge

Mr D.A. Dick and Miss V.M. Jarrett

The engagement is announced between David Alexander, eldest son of the late James Dick and of Mrs Agnes Dick, of Strathclyde, and Vanessa Melanie, daughter of Mrs Stephine Jarrett, of

Mr P.C.E. Farushar and Miss V.S. Collins The engagement is announced between Peter Christopher Edward, elder son of Mr Edward Farguhar, of Twickenham, Middlesex, and Mrs Peter Thellusson, of Alstonfield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and Victoria Susannah, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Collins, of Threapwood, The Maultway, Camberley, Ѕцттеу.

Mr J.R.S. Field and Miss J.M.J. Wallington The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Sheelagh Field and the late Mr David Field, of Elmley Castle, Worcestershire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Wallington, of Wareham, Dorset.

Mr J.G. Flavell Smith and Miss K.F. l'Anson

LEGAL NOTICES

The engagement is announced between John Grant Flavell Smith and Kareen Fleming

and Miss H.L. Taylor The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs of Cholderton, Wiltshire, and Mrs Roger Townsend, of South-

ampton. Hampshire, and Hicky, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Taylor, of Beaulieu, Hampshire.

Mr R.N. Green and Miss A.K. Peel Yates The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. Green, of Bristol. and Katrine, eldest daughter o Mr and Mrs D.M. Peel Yates, of Gosport.

Mr D.P. Kerbes and Miss B.J. Hughes

The engagement is announced between Daniel youngest son of Mrs B. Kerbes and the late Mr O. Kerbes, of Bristol, and Bettina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John R. Hughes, of Didcot, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.A. Long and Miss S.A. Roberts Mr and Mrs Michael Roberts, of Banstead, Surrey, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Sarah Alison, to Peter Alun, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Charles Long, of Cardiff, Glamorgan.

Mr E.B. O'Reilly Hyland and Ms S.M. Swettenham-East The engagement is announced Dermot and the late Dr Constance O'Reilly Hyland, of Glenealy, Co Wicklow, Eire, and Susanna, daughter of Mrs Margaret and the late Gerald

Adams, of Wimbledon, London. Mr A.J.M. Push and Miss M.G. Deeny
Mr and Mrs Michael Deeny, of Geneva, Switzerland, are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter Michelle,

to Andrew, eldest son of the late Dr and Mrs James Mostyn-Pugh, of Reigate, Surrey. Mr J.C. Richardson

Mr J.C. Richardson
and Miss R.J. Segrave
The marriage will take place in
Chichester on March 28, between
John Clifford, only son of Mrs
Loma Richardson, of Greenford,
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Richardson, and Robese Jane,
runner daughter of Mr A. I. younger daughter of Mr A.J. Segrave, of West Marden, West Sussex, and Mrs E. Segrave, of

Mr N.P.J. Sharo and Miss S.H. Darvill

Malaga, Spain.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sharp, of Chelmsford, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Darvill, also of Chelmsford.

Mr N.P. Simuson and Miss D.A. Wilkins

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Simpson, of Woodsford, Dorset, and Deborah Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Wilkins, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr D.A.D. Stewart

between Duncan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Stewart, of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, and Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Deegan, of Dublin, Eire.

Marriage

Mr N.J.G. Crosthwa and Mrs L.M. Baxendale
A service of blessing was held A service of blessing was new yesterday at St Mary's, Battersea, after the marriage of Mr Nicolas James Goland Crosthwaite and Mrs Lucinda Margaret Baxen-dale. The Rev John Clarke and Father Antony Cashman officiated officiated.

LEGAL NOTICES

The insolvency Act 1986
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SANDY DENNIS

Sandy Dennis, stage and screen actress who won an Academy Award for her role in the film of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf. died of cancer in Westport, Connecticut, on March aged 54. She was born in Hastings, Nebraska, on April 27, 1937.

AT HER peak during the Sixties, Sandy Dennis was a talent to be reckoned with. On stage or screen, her characters quivered with nerves, born either of intense vulnerability or some gnawing inner demon. No-one spoke quite like Sandy Dennis — not even her fellow Method actors. A straight line reading seemed almost impossible: dialogue would be fragmented, sometimes to a maddening degree, with hesitations, stutters, guips and high-pitched chuckles.

Full lips, large eyes and prominent teeth made her looks equally distinctive; while her fiery temper kept colleagues on their toes. Richand Burton, who appeared with her in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, once called Dennis "one of the most genuine eccentrics I know".

She was born Sandra Dale Dennis and grew up in Ne-braska, where her father was a clerk. She reached university, but soon gave it up in favour of a career in the theatre. Regional summer stock provided early experience. Moving to New York, she studied with Herbert Berghof, a charter member of the Actors' Studio.

She got small roles in plays by William Inge, a popular playwright especially in the Fifties, but she first caught attention in Face of the Hero (1960). Her gifts were soon recognised: she won a Tony Award for her role as a bemused social worker in Herb Gardner's hymn to nonconformity A Thousand Clowns (1962). Two years later, she won another as a millionaire's mistress in Muriel Resnik's sex farce Any Wednesday (1964). She was, though, passed over by Holly-wood when both plays transferred to the screen.

The wider world beyond Broadway first recognised Sandy Dennis as Honey, the trembling young wife of George Segal's college professor, thrown into the bear-pit with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in Mike Nichols's film of Edward Albee's Who's Afriad of Virginia Woolf? (1966). The battling Burtons gave her much competition as the hosts subjecting their latenight guests to an emotional

own and won the Oscar for the Best Supporting Actress. This was only her second film: she made her debut. alongside Warren Beatty, in Elia Kazan's Splendor in the

Grass (1961).
Cinema audiences might have supposed that it was Albee's material that made Dennis hyperactive. Not so: for her first starring role, in the entertaining Up the Down Staircase (1967), she played another vulnerable bundle of nerves — an inexperienced teacher thrust into a tough New York school. This brought her further awards.

Other films swiftly followed, including The Fox (1968), a sensitive D. H. Lawrence adaptation (1968), and That Cold Day in the Park (1969), a strange exercise in morbid psychology from the future director of M*A*S*H, Robert Altman.

But by 1970, her film career was already losing momentum and she spent most of the decade onstage. One Broadway play, Let Me Hear You Smile, ran for just a night; by contrast her role as Eva in Alan Ayckbourne's Absurd Person Singular kept her busy for three years.

Middle-age came suddenly. By the mid-1970s, she was fit for Tennessee Williams heroines: she played Blanche DuBois in A Streetcar Named Desire in Chicago. When she returned before the cameras in Alan Alda's comedy of mid-life crises, The Four Seasons (1981), she seemed sadly bedraggled; but she bounced back on Broadway, under Altman's direction, in Ed Graczyk's ruminative play about a James Dean fan club, Come Back to the 5 & Dime Jimmy Dead, Jimmy Dean (1981), filmed the following year.

The onset of cancer restricted Dennis's later film roles to cameos. Typically, she made each moment count. She appeared to hilarious effect in Bob Balaban's Parents (1989) as psychologist to a household of cannibals; while in Sean Penn's The Indian Runner, only last year, she movingly foreshadowed her own fate, playing a weary mother a short step away

from death. In 1975 Sandy Dennis married her longtime companion, the jazz musician Gerry Mulligan; they sepa-rated the following year. Her name was linked with a number of other men and she was apt to speak in very direct terms about her private life. But in recent years she seemed happier with companionship of a quantity of cats and dogs who shared her



PARE LORENTZ

Pare Lorentz, critic and documentary film-maker, died on March 4 aged 86. He was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on December 11, 1905.

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PARE Lorentz's autobiography, due to be published this autumn, bears the appropriate title FDR's Moviemaker. For no American film-maker expressed the New Deal's spirit with the lyrical force he displayed in The Plow That Broke the Plains (1936) and The River (1937). The films analysed pressing agricultur-al issues with an urgent, poetic style that immediately attracted attention, despite attempts to thwart their release by an industry fearful of "government-sponsored competition". Along with his third major film, The Fight for Life (1940), they remain cornerstones of American documentary, and kept Lorema's name alive through the long years he spent working in obscurity.

ing through journalism. From 1927 he wrote punchy reviews for the humour mag-azine Judge and others, casti-gating Hollywood for its cowardice and love of artifice, but heaping praise on coura-geous talents like King Vidor, or European directors like Rene Clair. When his reviews were collected into Lorentz on Film (1975) he pointedly dedicated the volume to his edi-tors, "because more than once they risked their own security by refusing to allow their business offices to have me either censored or fired". Lorentz's family could trace its roots to the American pio-

Lorentz came to film-mak-

neers; a great-grandfather was one of West Virginia's earliest settlers. After studying at Wesleyan College and the University of West Virginia, Lorentz went to New York, only to find unrewarding work on the Edison Mazda Lamp Sales Builder, a house magazine for General Electric.

It stimulated Lorentz's distaste for large organisations. Yet with Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, Lorentz found a bureaucracy he could respond to. Appointed film adviser to the Resettlement Administration in 1935, he began researching The Plow That Broke the

Plains in the Oklahoma Dust Bowl. The production was fractious. Two of his photographers, Paul Strand and Leo Hurwitz, saw the film as a chance to flay capitalism alive: Lorentz urged a géntler, more positive approach. Then Hollywood's stock libraries refused to lend footage, until King Vidor intervened.

The end result, still invigorating today, displayed a dizzying variety of styles. Statistics, symbolic montages and shots hovering on the edge of still photography were thrust together, along with a poetic, alliterative commentary. The cement came from Virgil Thomson's score, a collage of parodies and

The poetry of the prairie: a scene from The Plow That Broke the Plains, 1936

quotations. The River had an epic sweep, befitting a celebration of the Mississippi. Lorentz's commentary reached an incantatory pitch, rolling out sonorous names and facts like a latter-day Walt Whitman; Thomson's music kept pace, blending folk tunes with original material. Lorentz, who studied music in his youth, sometimes thought of the film as his "opera". Its success led Lorentz to the US Film Service, established in 1938 to co-ordinate governmentsponsored films. Lorentz himself made only one: The Fight for Life, a sobering investigation into childbirth among the poor. For the first time, Lorentz used professional ac-

tors, possibly with an eye to future Hollywood employ-

ment. In the event it was his last major achievement. In that year Congress withdrew the Film Service funding. With the onset of war, Lorentz withdrew from social topics into air force training films. Then in 1946 he became entangled in the War Department's re-education programme for occupied territories, but resigned, disillusioned, the following year. Thereafter he disappeared from view, keeping busy with his consultancy company, established in New York to aid commercial and industrial

His other books included Censored: The Private Life of the Movies (1930), co-written with Morris Ernst, and The Rooseveit Year: 1933, a photographic collection gathered initially as material for a film. Lorentz was married to the stage actress Sally Bates.

Nestor Almendros, the cinematographer who won an

NESTOR ALMENDROS

Academy Award for his work on Days of Heaven in

1979 and, through his work, altered the general perception of the film camcraman, died of cancer in New York on March 4 aged 61. He was born in Spain in 1930.

THE role of the cinematogra-

pher has been justly described as a collaboration with the director in which the former inevitably takes the lesser credit. Certainly, in spite of the immense and justified respect in which Nestor Almendros was held by the directors he worked with, nothing in his own bearing ever suggested a desire to alter that relationship. In spite of achievements which revolutionised the use of light in film, liberating it from the floodlit glare of Hollywood usage and letting in the natural light of day, he kept his art in proportion. When once asked: "What

does a director of photography do?" he replied "Every-thing" — an everything he went on to define as embracing mood, movement of ac-tors, framing of shots, and camera positioning. But he placed himself unreservedly at the service of the directors he worked with. He perfectly expressed what he saw as the parameters of his responsibility in his autobiography A Man With A Camera, which appeared in 1985. There he states that the cinematographer must "always intervene when the director's technical knowledge does not allow him to express his artistic desires in material and technical terms". It was his adherence to this credo which won him the permanent respect of directors as dissimilar as François Truffaut and Terrence Malick.

Nestor Almendros was born and grew up in a Spain overshadowed by civil war. As a young man he joined his loyalist father in exile in Cuba. There he plunged en-thusiastically into film making in an atmosphere which seemed to promise something at the opposite pole, politically, from that offered by Franco's Spain, and, cinematically, from the inex-orable dictates of Hollywood. Thus it seemed until, when choosing the ten best films of the year for a Cuban national poll, Almendros had the te-merity to prefer The 400 Blows by Truffaut to the Russian entry, Ballad of a Soldier. His choice was the bolder because the Russian entry was the personal preference of Fidel Castro. The dictator was not best pleased.

Seeing no further future in a creative life which was so demonstrably subject to the whims of the party chief, Almendros left for France. For some years life was not taste, visually". Bad taste was easy for him; it was a long

European debut, on the New Wave anthology film. Paris vu par, was uncredited as a result. But the work began coming. Truffaut recognised his qualities and Almendros shot a number of films for him, as he did for Eric Rohmer. For Barbet Schroeder he filmed Maitresse. which quickly became notorious for its hair-raising flagellation scenes. Even Almendros, whose vocation necessarily saw him at the heart of the action in filmmaking, was apt to wince for many a day in the recollection of that piece of work.

Among the films which, in the Seventies, brought him to more general attention were Bed and Board for Truffaut and My Night at Maude's and Claire's Knee for Rohmer. In 1979 he won his Oscar for cinematography on Terrence Malick's Days of Heaven, starring Richard Gere and Brook Adams. His nakedly realistic treatment of the endless vistas of wheatfields, where young immigrants seek a new life after leaving Chicago in the early years of the century, created a vividly realised atmosphere, which more than more compenstated for the sometimes too-symbolic intentions of the script.

Almendros was also nominated for Oscars for Kramer vs Kramer and The Blue Lagoon and won a Cesar for his work on Truffaut's The Last Metro in 1981. Truffaut, who was aware that the results - brooding images - he aimed for owed so much to Almendros's work, knew how to value such a man. "He teaches us that we can speak of light with words", he wrote in the introduction to A Man



With A Camera, as his acknowledgement of his debt. Dustin Hoffman also paid his tribute to the man who had made the tensions of Kramer vs Kramer rivet the cinema audience in the way they did. To the end Almendros re-

tained an affection for black and white photography. He saw it, in the ultimate analysis, as offering greater psychological penetration than colour and he also felt: "It is almost impossible for a black and white film to be in bad a pitfall he spent his whole time before he could get a creative life encouraging di-work permit, and even his rectors to avoid.

ROBERT BEATTY

Robert Beatty, actor, died in London on March 3 aged 82. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario on October 19, 1909.

IN THE immediate post-war years Robert Beatty's Canadian accent and his craggy good looks were emmenuy mar-ketable features and for a time he was good looks w one of Britain's most familiar actors in films, television, radio and the theatre. In the 1950s, before the acting profession became quite the global village it is today, he was much in demand in Britain for his ability to portray Americans. Indeed in addition to transatlantic roles, his dark-brown voice enabled him to tackle Scottish. Irish and colonial parts with ease. He also exuded considerable charm and his tough but gentle features would crinkle up into what was once described as "an audible smile."

Although he probably failed to realised his full potential and never quite managed to translate these attributes into mega-stardom he had a worthy career. He made his greatest impact as Detective Inspector Don Maguire, a Canadian Mountie attached to Scotland Yard in a short-lived television series, Dial 999, and capped this, unexpectedly at the age 78, by a masterly portrayal of Ronald Reagan, capturing precisely the mannerisms and gestures of the American president in a television "docu-

drama" Breakthrough at Reykjavik. Robert Beatty was the son of a clothing manufacturer who was descended from the Dr Beatty who was a surgeon on the Victory when Nelson was mortally wounded at Trafalgar. His grandfather was an Irish farmer who emigrated to Canada. Beatty acquired a BA at the University of Toronto. His first job was as a cashier at a petrol-filling station in Hamilton but after joining a local amateur dramatic society he decided to train for the professional stage. At 28 he was a late starter but in 1937, on the advice of an aunt, he came to England and enrolled at RADA. After seeing fellow Canadian Raymond Massey in Idiot's Delight at London's Apollo Theatre he went back-stage and asked for a walk on



part. He was taken on as understudy, given a small part and launched on a London stage career.

Having failed to pass an Army medical. Beatty joined the BBC as a newsreader for transmissions to North America and appeared in various wartime stage productions including The Petrified Forest at the Globe Theatre and A Soldier for Christmas at Wyndhams. In 1945 he appeared in three well-known plays: as Mark McPherson in Laura at the St Martin's, Bruce Lovell in Love From A Stranger at the Gateway and as Major Joppolo in A Bell for Adano at the Phoenix. In 1957 he took over the lead in The Happiest Millionaire at the Cambridge Theatre from Wilfrid Hyde White and three years later took over the lead from Sir Michael

Redgrave in The Aspern Papers. Beatty began appearing in films in 1938 and had his first big success playing an heroic captain who brought his crippled tanker back to port in San Demetrio London. Three years later he had a starring part in Appointment With Crime and in 1946 made an impressive appearance with James Mason in Carol Reed's Odd Man Out. In the 1950s he was at his busiest. His

films included Captain Horatio Hornblower RN, The Square Ring, Albert RN, The Gentle Gunman, Tarzan and the Lost Safari and Something of e. In addition to film and st roles, he played Philip O'Dell, an Irish private investigator, in a long-running BBC radio series and appeared as "the man with the mike" interviewing people out and about in London" for the television series Saturday Night Out. He also appeared, strikingly, in a haircream advertisement and provided the distinctive transatlantic tones for numerous "voice-over" commercials. In 1957-58 came his television series

Dial 999. In spite of its success it ran for only nine months and he was to claim later that it "killed him for ten years" as far as other television work was con-cerned. "As far as producers were concerned I was Maguire of the Mounties and that was that."

Certainly he worked less from then on but he turned in an effective portrayal of the first Lord Beaverbrook alongside Richard Burton's Churchill in Walk With Destiny for television and was featured in the films A Space Odyssey (1968) and Where Eagles Dare (1969). After appearing in Superman III (1983) came his most critically successful portrayal of President Reagan in Breakthrough at Reykjavik.

Robert Beatty was a genial, unassuming workaday actor with none of the selfimportance that affects some others of the craft. Asked, following his successful nortraval of President Reagan, whether it had engendered within him any statesman-like thoughts or desires, he replied simply: "I learned my lines and I delivered them."

Robert Beatty was married four times: the first, a wartime marriage, lasted three months; the second to a BBC secretary, lasted 18 years; the third to Princess Obolensky lasted five years. His final marriage was in 1975. He was declared bankrupt in 1978. He leaves a son from his second marriage.

March 6 ON THIS DAY 1924

During the hectic years in Turkey after the first world war that saw the rise of Mustapha Kemal, the ancient

sultanate of Turkey was abolished and the Sultan Mehmed VI went into exile. His cousin, Abdulmecid, was Caliph for a short time, but in 1924 his position also was abolished and he left Turkey. dying in France in 1944.

THE CALIPH'S DEPARTURE. (From Our Own

Correspondent.)

Constantinople, March 5.

The Caliph, with two of his wives, his son Prince Omar Farukh Effendi, and his little daughter, entered the Simplon-Orient Express yesterday evening at Chatalia, where they had been kept waiting all day. and are now on their way to Berne. Further details of his Majesty's departure were communicated late last night to the Press. When the decision of the Grand National Assembly was announced to him by the Vali of Constantinople, the Caliph listened patiently, and then, after a moment's reflecnon. replied, "As you are working for the good of the country may Allah grant you his aid."

The Caliph asked for a delay of two days in order that he might make his preparations. but was informed he must leave before daybreak. The Caliph then asked leave to take certain members of his family with him, and this request was granted Accordingly, his wives, his son, and his daughter were warned to pack up immediately. The Caliph in expectation of his fate, had already prepared a list of personal effects, and thus the work of packing into a waiting fleet of lorries was facilitated. At 5 o'clock all was ready. The Caliph, his son, and his daugh-ter took their places in the first

motor-car, the wives with their

attendants in the second, and the third car was occupied by the Chief of Police. Behind came a stream of lorries and other cars and motor-cycles carrying various members of the police.

Great care had been taken to ensure the secrecy of the proceedings. Immediately the Assembly's decision became known all communication with the Palace was cut off. The telephones were disconnected. and the whole district between the Dolma Baghche and Beshiktash was put under the close surveillance of police and soldiers of the 3rd Army Corps. All the inhabitants of the Palace were kept under close observation, and the staff of the Palace was forced to remain for a full hour after the departure

of the Caliph before being allowed to leave. After an uneventful journey Chatalja was reached at !! o'clock in the morning, and the Caliph spent the whole day in the waiting room of the station. He spoke to nobody except the Chief of Police, whose duty it was to escort him to the frontier. When, towards midnight, the Simplon-Orient Express arrived with a special reserved coach the Caliph immediately entered the train. saying a few kind words to the officials. The Caliph was very much moved, and several of those present burst into tears. In the train his Majesty

found the necessary passports and also a sum of £1,700, which was given him as an advance. The costs of the journey have been paid by the Government, but the Caliph is otherwise without ready money or means except for a number of jewels, which, however, are only valued at about FT.50,000 (£5.950). It is reported that the Caliph, at the moment of quitting the country, sent a valedictory telegram to the President of the Republic (who used formerly to be his A.D.C.) saying that he had always done

his best for Turkey. The Princes of the House of Othman will be compelled to leave Turkey in two days and the Princesses in a week.

Birthdays today

Dr M.G. Adam, astrophysicist. 80; Miss Jean Boht, actress, 56; Mr William Davis, author, broadcaster and chairman. British Tourist Authority, 59: Professor Sir Charles Frank, physicist, 81; Sir Alistair Grant, chairman and chief executive Argyll Group, 55; Professor Sir Raymond Hoffen-berg, president, Wolfson College. Oxford, 69; Mr Frankie Howerd, actor and comedian, 70; Mr Lorin Maazel, conductor, 62: Sir Hal Miller, MP, 63; Mme

kova, first woman in space, 55; Mr Richard Noble, world land speed record holder, 46; Dr J.H.P. Pafford, librarian, 92; Sir Ian Dixon Scott, diplomat, 83; the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, 63; Sir Peter Stallard, former colonial admiristrator, 77: Professor Marilyn Strathern, social anthropologist. 51: Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, opera singer, 48: Mr D.H. Whitaker, publisher, 61; Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, 51; Sir Oliver Wright, diplomat, 71.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Michelangelo, Captese, Italy, 1475; Sir Charles Napier, admiral, Falkirk, 1786; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Durham, 1806; George du Maurier, caricaturist and novelist, Paris,

Valentina Nikolayeva-Teresh-

DEATHS: Francis Beaumont. dramatist, London, 1616; Davy Crockett, frontiersman, killed in the battle of the Alamo, Texas, 1836; Louisa May Alcott, nov-clist, Boston, Massachusetts, 1888; Gottlieb Daimler, pioneer

of the internal combustion engine, Cannstan, Germany, 1900; John Redmond, Irish nationalist, London. 1918: John Philip Sousa, composer and band leadsousa, composer and band read-er. Reading, Pennsylvania, 1932; Zoltán Kodály, composer, Buda-pest, 1967; Pearl Buck; novelist, Nobel laureaue 1938, Danby, Vermont, 1971.

York in Upper Canada was incorporated as the city of Toronto, 1834.

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Clergy appointments The Rev Prebendary Richard Frith, Team Rector of the Keynsham Team Ministry and Prebendary of Combe XII is to be Archdeacon of Taunton and Prebendary of Milverton I. di-ocese of Bath and Wells. He will take up the appointment in

The Rev Canon Frances Briscoe. Area Dean of Setton and Di-ocesan Director of Reader Training: to be also Minister in charge of St Stephen, Hightown

The Rev Patrick Crean, Rector, St James the Great, Cupar (Diocese of St Andrews): to be part-time Diocesan Children's Officer, Priest in Charge of St Helen, Priest in Canige of St Freed, Section and Assistant to the Area Dean at Hightown (Liverpool). The Rev Christopher Greenwell, Rector, Bolton-by-Bowland w Grindleton (Bradford): to be Vicar of Hoyland St Andrew (Sheffield). (Sheffield). The Rev John Halkes, non-supen-

The Rev Keith Mitchell, Acting Chaplain, Royal Cornwall Hos-pital (Treliske): to be Priest-in-Charge, St Day (Truro). The Rev Paul Recce, Curate, diary Assistant Curate, St Buryan, St Levan & Sennen: to be nonstipendiary Priest-in-Charge, Lanteglos-by-Fowey (Truro).

Potters Bar (St Albans); to be Rector, St Lawrence, Little Stanmore (London). The Rev Stuart Samuel, Rector,

caster; to be Vicar, Christ Church (Sheffield). Hathern, Long Whatton and Diseworth w Belton and The Rev Peter Humpleby, Rector, Aldingham, Dendron and Rampside (Cartisle): to be Vicar, Dodworth (Wakefield). Osgathorpe: to be also Rural Dean of Akeley East Deanery (Leicester). The Rev Peter Ingram, Team Vicar in the Great Snath Team The Rev Kevin Thompson, Assis-

Church news

The Rev Jack Harris, Priest in Charge, Christ Church Don-

St John the Baptist, Pinner

Ministry: to be Rector, Adwick-letant Curate, Brinsworth St An-Street (St Laurence) (Sheffield). drew w Catcliffe St Mary: to be The Rev Michael Ipgrave, Chap-lain for Relations with People of Vicar, St John's, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham (Sheffield). Other Faiths: to be also part-time The Rev Keith Vivian, Rector, Research Assistant and occa-sional Chaplain to the Bishop of Chew Stoke w Nempnett Thrubwell and Norton Leicester (Leicester).
The Rev Ian McIntosh, Curate St Maireward: 10 be also Rural Dean of Chew Magna (Bath and Anselm's, Belmont; to be Curate, Wells).

Vicar, Christ Church, Brownsover The Rev Jonathan Miltonin the Rugby Team Ministry (Coventry): to be Diocesan Officer Thompson, Assistant Curate, Bispham All Hallows (Black-burn): to be Curate of Darfield (in for Stewardship (Carlisle). charge of Great Houghton) (Sheffield). Resignation

The Rev John Atkin, Rector, Extord w Exmoor w Hawkridge and Withypool and Rural Dean of Exmoor (Bath and Wells): to resign as Rural Dean of Exmoor from 31 July.

The Rev Peter Wilson, Team

Lecture European League for Economic

Co-operation
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC. MP. delivered the Brandon Rhys Wil-liams Memorial Lecture to the European League for Economic Co-operation at the Inner Temple yesterday. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, chairman of the British section of the league, presided. Among those present were:

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Sir David Crouch, Sir Michael Franklin,
Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr., Sir Nicholas
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Sir John Leahy, Sir Michael Marshall,
MP. Sir George Middleton, Sir David
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John and Lady Page, Sir Michael
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James Scon-Hopkins, MRP, Sir Michael
Shaw, MP. and Sir Nicholas Spreckley.

Appointment

Geneva.

Sir Michael Weston to be leader of the UK delegation to the Conference on Disarmament at BY ROSS TIEMAN

FORD retained its 15-year leadership of the British car market by a whisker last month after a last-minute surge in the number of cars registered by its dealers.

Vauxhall sold 21,583 cars during February, only 149 fewer than Ford, for a 19.73 per cent share of sales, against Ford's 19.86 per cent "Vauxhall was leading right until the last few days of February, when additional Ford sales put them ahead on the last day," a Vauxhall

The outcome was a surprise to many within the car industry, who had expected Vaux-hall to take the lead because of the success of its new mod-els in the most difficult market Britain's carmakers have seen for many years.

Vauxhall's resurgence is nonetheless a remarkable achievement. Only a year ago, Ford was clear market leader, with a 25.08 per cent market share against Vauxhall's 17.43 per cent. Rover was challenging for second place with 16.29 per cent of the market.

Since then, Ford of Britain has slumped into losses and Ian McAllister, the company's chairman, has ordered his executives to concentrate on making a profit rather than defending market share.

The same policy has been pursued even more aggressively at Rover. The British Aerospace subsidiary saw sales during February decline to 15,898 cars, a 14.53 per cent market share.

Britain's most popular car during February was the Vauxhall Cavalier, which accounted for more than one in every 12 sold. Second place went to the Ford Escort, which was followed by the Vauxhall Astra, the Ford Sierra and the Rover 200.

Total February sales, at 109,414, were down 12 per cent on the same month last year. The February total was the lowest since 1976.

for 54 per cent of the total during February, compared with 51.58 per cent during the same month a year ago. Many would-be buyers are believed to be holding back in the hope that Norman abolish car tax in his budget on Tuesday. The industry has pleaded loudly for measures



Environmentally secure: ecology has come to the rescue of about 50 geckos and other lizards apprehended by Customs and Excise as illegal immigrants. Instead of being destroyed, they were handed over yesterday to the Royal Botanic

Gardens. Kew, where they have been enlisted to help keep the local cockroach population under control (John Young writes). The reptiles belong to three species, Acanthosaura Armota, a native of the southeast Asian rain forests; and

Tarentola Mauritanica and Tropidcalotes, from North Africa and the Mediterranean. They are presumed to have been destined for pet shops, although their import has to be licensed. Greg Redwood, Kew's special projects officer, said yesterday that the use of pesticides in glasshouses open to the public had been largely discontinued. But suitable predators for cockroaches had remained a problem; the lizards, nocturnal creatures like the cockmaches, could be the ideal answer.

Australians beaten by brilliance of Botham field." How did he explain his

return to batting form? "I managed to get the strike this time. Goochie [England's

captain, Graham Gooch] is a

How does he always rise to

the big occasion? "You have

to save it up when you get into

my physical condition. There is not much left in the tank.

But Micky Stewart [England's manager] has been looking after me at net ses-

sions. I do a warm-up stroll

and then the physio, Laurie

More seriously, Botham in-

sisted: "This is a good Eng-

land team which works as a

team. And they don't even talk about losing." Which, of

course, is just as well for

Botham. He has put his mon-

ey on England to win the World Cup at the generous

Viv Richards, page 30

England's victory, page 32

odds of eight-to-one.

Brown, patches me up."

very good counter."

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picture of bewilderment. "If I could explain it. I would fix it," he snapped at an unwelcome question. "England have taken a leaf out of our book with more thorough preparation...but the way we are playing at the mo-ment, you wouldn't know it."

To cop it from the poms will be more than some fair-dinkum Aussies can bear. Border seemed anxious not to dwell on the subject of Botham, but it mattered not. Just down the corridor, the great man was holding court himself, select-ing a bottle of chardonnay from the team's celebration ice bucket before launching into the sort of patter he has doubtless polished during his stint on the pantomime boards in Bournemouth at

How did he take his wickets? "A.B. [Border] was unlucky - he got a good ball.

Payers rebel on poll tax surcharges

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have no effect on their vote. Asked who they blamed for high poll-tax bills, 63 per cent said the government and only 22 per cent named local authorities. More than half recognised that non-payment harmed local services.

In spite of the unpopularity of the community charge, only a fifth wanted to see the complete abolition of local taxation. More than half favoured the council tax, the government's planned replacement for the poll tax.

A similar proportion sup-ported Labour's fair rates proposals, suggesting that the two taxes are almost indistinguishable in the public mind. Only a third supported local income tax.

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Mushroom clouds are blamed for deaths

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men also committed suicide. Since then a whole flock near the border of the site has died and orchards and vineyards have become barren," Mr Akybyelyv said. Nearly 50,000 Kazakhs

live in a radius of 96 miles of Sari Ozek but the govern-ment of President Nazerbayev has refused public appeals to investigate the problem which has been aired in the local press. Police have broken up meetings to collect signatures for a petition and have arrested Mr Akybyelyv four times in the past 18 months. When he went on a hunger strike in 1991 the police accused him of being insane and he was

believe Moscow's treatment of Kazakhstan has in the past

by rain in the afternoon. Most of England and Wales will remain

dry with bright or sunny intervals but more general rain will reach northern counties towards midnight. Many parts will be windy

taken before a medical panel

ates believe that Moscow chose Kazakhstan to test its rockets, biological and chemical weapons because it could ignore the well-being of the Kazakh minority with impu-nity. They could have chosen a real desert to test their weapons. It was done on purpose," the Kazakh poet Suleimynov, who leads the "Semipalantinsk-Nevada

movement", says. President Nazerbayev has taken a tough stand against the small nationalist parties which he says exploit the issue. The leaders of one party, Alash, were arrested last December after a fracas at a mosque in Alma Ata. The party is pro-Islamic and would like to see the Russians, 40 per cent of the population, and particularly the Soviet are to go on trial on March 16 on charges of insulting the honour and dignity of the

Political sketch

Feathers, and babies, fly

A Tory minister yester-day told the Commons that if Labour were elected there would be no food.

After this shock, MPs

JULIAN HERBERT

were involved in another exchange of flying bodies. They pretended to discuss health. More dead babies and cancer victims were hurled across the floor in a macabre fusilade. In a familiar ritual, Neil Kinnock quoted a doctor and John Major quoted another doctor.

That makes two. There are about 25,000 doctors in this country. Is there time for the remaining 24,998 to express a view? Mr Major's doctor seems to argue that fewer patients are dying than used to. Mr Kinnock's doctor argues that if more money were spent on health, even fewer would die. These views are not inconsistent, but I hate to

spoil a good scrap. But can I urge anyone unlucky enough to fall sick next week, to think very hard before dying? You may bard before dying? You may become a Commons issue, your demise worth half a point in the opinion polls. Perhaps critical cases could complete a form, specifying which party they would pre-fer to use their corpse.

Anyway, we may soon all starve. That's what agricul-ture minister John Gummer was trying to say when, to knotted brows, he told MPs that Labour would "spend money they haven't got and won't get and spend it three times on people who will receive no benefit". This was rather Jesuitical and justified Mr Gummer's reputation as an

intellect. Junior minister David Maclean was more straightforward. The longer things went on, he said, "the more convinced I be-come that if the Opposition win the election we would have no food to cat". The news startled even his own side. It is not easy to turn agriculture questions into an election battleground, but MPs on both sides rose gamely to the challenge yes-terday. Question 1, from Si-mon Burns (C. Chelmeforth mon Burns (C. Chelmsford). about animal welfare, praised a Tory crusade to rescue the ponies of Europe

from being eaten.
A Tory victory, we sensed, would be greeted by a whinny of relief, from Calais to Corsica. Replying. Mr Gummer threw in pigs, too. No one had done more for pig "stalls and tethers" than the Conservatives. Down on old Maclean's

farm, a neigh, neigh here was joined by an oink, oink, there, from blue boars and

Here a cluck, there a cluck, too, it seemed. The minister spluttered that "coloured lenses for chickens" were an "outrageous" idea. To Michael Lord (C, Suffolk Central). who feared EC regulations with "a crippling effect on Sover-eign Chicken", old Maclean suggested that, under the Conservatives, British chickens deserved "a level playing field".

"Everywhere a cluck, cluck," we thought, as the image of crippled Sover-

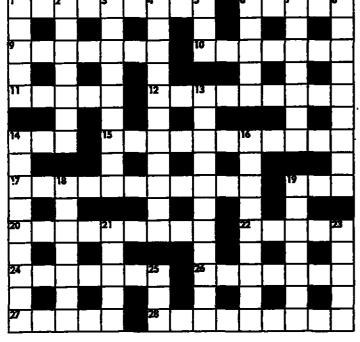
eign chickens in coloured lenses playing on old Maclean's level field flashed through our minds. And on that farm he had a turkey. "Knowing my hon friend's concern for birds" said Billericay's Teresa Gorman (a famous supporter of the Essex chicken)
will he deal with the latest scare in our bootiful turkey industry?" This concerned an unpronounceable alleged disease of turkeys, which Mrs Gorman de-nounced as "a load of gob-bledegook". Oh dear. A gobble, gobble, here, it

seems, down on old Maclean's farm. And a moo. moo there. Ian Taylor (C, Esher) leapt to his feet: "I have a very large number of cows munching in the green pastures of my own constituency." he told the House. The rest was inaudible, but we gathered that if the minister would sort out the milk marketing scheme, Esher cows would moo in the Tory canse. This, apparently, despite what minister David Curry called a "great new EC machine, spitting out red tape all over the countryside. Let us hope the crippled chickens do not trip on it. The tethered pigs are presumably safe in their stalls and the ponies can take care of themselves.

But where do the pota-toes fit in? From Labour's Harry Cohen, came an anguished cry from the potato-caters of Leyton. The "production of early potatoes" had fallen, he complained. A majority of only 4,641 was bringing out the agrarian streak in Mr Cohen's nature. There was not a wide enough diversity of potatoes". Is this issue big on the streets of Ley-ton? "And this government Ee-aye ee-aye oh.

MATTHEW PARRIS

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,859



ACROSS

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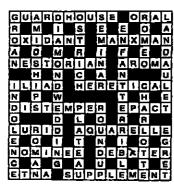
11 Boy meets a girl on the heath (5). 12 The Lorelei. for instance — one working for a while with her hair

14 Campaign against the burning of leaf or tree (3)
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no respect or order? (5.6). 17 Old kinswoman makes a splendid fairy queen (11).

19 One period of the game produces a goal (3). 20 Incense Church wafted about in ignorance (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,858



22 Acclaim anecdote about catching cold (5).

24 "Wrong", I will say to a pupil (7). 26 Headlines follow outside broad-

27 Happening still, but at the end 28 Cover song in which good man and woman join (4-5).

I Honour - artless, heartless honour (5).

2 It's terrifying: turning up, therefore, is hard (7). 3 Went to bed without rising and became a classic (9).

Delightful with record high jump 5 Fish — one that's caught (3). 6 Tenor takes a break after high

7 Harsh name for a bird (7). 8 Laid up during walk? Yes (9). 13 Frenchman - he's vicious, corrupt and malicious (11),

14 South American silver (9). 16 Distraught lovers use us (9). 18 Crack Jack up for free (7). 19 Grow more strange in general

21 Pig's home acquired (5). 23 Shout "Doctor!" (5). 25 It's not unknown for female to become male (3).

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard GRAYMALKIN

a. An order of mas b. Pretending to be ill c. A feline familiar **EPICRISIS** a. A criticism of the Old Testa b. A major crisis c. Choosing between two evils an of the Old Testament

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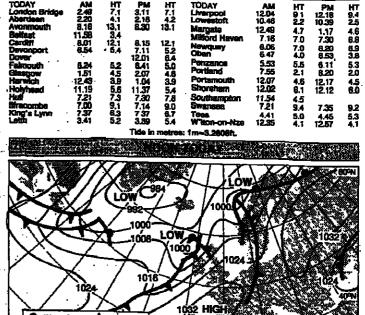
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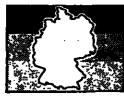


The world's last sizeable independent record company, home to stars such as Paula Abdul, could soon have a new owner in Thorn EMI. bidder for Virgin Music Page 21

LADBROKE DOWN

Ladbroke, Cyril Stein's property, hotels and betting combine, saw pretax profits tumble 29 per cent in 1991 Page 19

LOOKING UP



Germany's jobless total fell nationwide last month, providing further good news for the country's economy Page 22

GAME AND MATCH

The MMC has found Bryant & May, Britain's biggest match marker, guilty of exploiting a nearmonopoly position Page 19

BOOKMARK



Pentos, owner of the Dillons bookshop chain, is claiming success in a campaign to blow a hole in the Net Book Agreement Page 18

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7170 (-0.0093) German mark 2.8700 (-0.0103) Exchange index

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Corporation aims to reassure banks

Lloyd's acts to bolster its finances

By Jonathan Prynn

THE Corporation of Lloyd's has moved to reassure its bankers about its financial position by passing a by-law enabling it to borrow from a central Lloyd's fund should it not be able to renew external funding arrangements.

Lloyd's admitted the cur-

rent wave of bad publicity
"has not been helpful" in its relationships with its bankers. Alan Lord, the chief executive of Lloyd's, said that it was "sensible" to have the provisions in place "at a time when people are casting doubts over Lloyd's financial position".

The move was announced

on a day when Downing Street moved to distance itself from reports that John Major had expressed concern about the furore over the losses at Lloyd's. A Downing Street source said that the prime minister "has no knowledge" of the concerns attributed to him. "They didn't come from him," the source said. Mr Major was reported to be worried that allegations about Lloyd's market prac-tices would damage the City's reputation and drive business

to Frankfurt. The by-law updates Lloyd's powers to borrow from the central premium trust fund to provide deposits in countries that require underwriting of insurance business by foreign insurers to be backed up by assets held locally. Since the

late Seventies, Lloyd's has funded these deposits by rolling over money market borrowings under a £340 million facility. However, the latest wave of

publicity concerning the market has unnerved bankers already facing unprecedented levels of defaults on their lending. The by-law is designed to reassure bankers that Lloyd's has the funds to repay the borrowings, although Lloyd's intends to continue to fund itself through its money market

Mr Lord described the bylaw as "a mechanism to ensure that the money is produced to provide the deposits required so we can continue to trade in the countries conæmed". America and Canada, two

of Lloyd's largest overseas markets, do not require deposits as Lloyd's already has long standing trusts in place in these countries. Mr Lord pointed out that the measure would have been introduced anyway, regardless of the losses. "It has not been knocked up in the last few weeks," he said.

Yesterday also saw Lloyd's again attempting to rebut the current wave of claims about the so-called LMX excess of loss reinsurance market, where most of the largest losses have occurred. Some figures compiled by names suggest that outsiders were disproportionately exposed to

a handful of LMX syndicates that made huge losses be-tween 1988 and 1990. The LMX market offered high level reinsurance of catastrophic losses usually in excess of £1 billion, such as natural or man-made disasters.

Lloyd's has set up an enquiry team headed by Sir David Walker, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, to investigate the allegations and has this week produced reams of statistics in an attempt to refute the claims. The enquiry team held its first meeting today.

Lloyd's yesterday fired an-other salvo in the battle over the nature of the LMX market by producing a back-ground briefing document on the subject. The briefing document claims that the LMX market, by allowing syndicates to lay off some of their risks, has increased Lloyd's overall capacity and "made London a more attractive market for the insurance buyer, to everyone's benefit".

The document also points out that of the four biggest catastrophe losses to hit the LMX market, between 45 per cent and 69 per cent of the liability fell outside Lloyd's on the company market. Mr Lord said yesterday that the LMX market was "not an insiders' funny game but a crucial commercial feature of London as an insurance centre"...

War and peace reduce Rolls-Royce to £51m

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Gulf war, the peace dividend and the global reces-sion have combined to cut profitability at Rolls-Royce, the biggest aero-engine maker outside America, to less than a third the 1990 level. Pre-tax profits slumped to £51 million (£176 million) in the year to end-December. The profit was reached after a charge of £58 million, largely

to pay for 7,000 job cuts. Lord Tombs, the chairman, blamed competitive pressure on engine selling prices and reduced demand for highly profitable spares. However, the business should show a "steady improvement", he said. Rolls is pegging the final dividend at 4.7p, giving an unchanged total of 7.25p. The £70 million cost is not covered by profits, but there was £52 million net cash at year end. Lord Tombs said: "We are not under pressure. We have a strong balance sheet, and we have lots of borrowing

facilities unused." Last year was the toughest faced by Rolls since its return to the private sector. Sales dipped 4 per cent to £3.52 billion. The end of the Cold war has sharply reduced pros-



Lord Tombs: no pressure

nects for military engine sales. Civil orders were also delayed and fewer spares were used.

The recession also intensified competition for orders in the company's industrial power markets, which accounted for 42 per cent of sales. The industrial division, producing ship engines, power plants for oil pumping, and power station equipment, increased sales, but saw margins weaken.

Rolls' workforce was reduced to 58,000 and a further 3,000 job losses have already been announced for 1992. Lord Tombs indicated that some further job cuts were to be expected. Spending on research and

development fell to £216 mil-

lion (£237 million). Lord Tombs said Rolls had passed the peak in its aero-engine development programme, and could now offer a full range of engines, unlike its two main American rivals, Pratt & Witney and General Electric. That is reflected in the growing order book at £6.6 billion, plus £750 million yet to be signed. The orders are well spread across five engine "families." Rolls' share of the world civil aeroengine market has risen from per cent four years ago to

In industrial power, Rolls is heartened by its success in winning a contract to develop its RB211 aero-engine as a power plant for US Navy

warships, a market dominated by General Electric. The company also has plans to anack the lead established by GEC Alsthorn, the Anglo-French power engineering group, in the fastowing market for combined-cycle gas turbines for

power generation. Lord Tombs said Rolls and the Swedish-Swiss group ABB Asea Brown Boveri, its partner, were developing products to match the advantage enjoyed by GEC Alsthom's large turbines.



Smallest bonus at JLewis in 34 years

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

JOHN Lewis Partnership, which includes Waitrose supermarkets, has declared the smallest bonus for its 34,000 worker-partners since 1958. The 9 per cent bonus is down from 12 per cent last year and comes as a result of a third consecutive year of profits decline, a situation the partnership has not experienced Comment, page 21 since 1945.
Partners will share a bonus

of £30.2 million after a 16 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, a partner on average pay will receive a bonus of £955 compared with £1,180 last

Peter Lewis, chairman, said: "The partnership's pretax profits fell 16 per cent from £91.5 million to £77.3 million. With substantially less profit, no fewer partners and higher pay rates, a squeeze on the rate of parmer-ship bonus was inevitable."

Group sales increased 6 per cent to £2.28 billion in the year ended in January. Trading profits fell 9 per cent to £100 million, which Mr Lewis described as "a pretty solid result" given the economic circumstances. Average borrowings increased to £226 million (£179 million) and the interest charge rose

to £22.8 million.
Mr Lewis said the only sensible approach to the current year was to expect a continuation of the existing unhelpful economic climate. The group uses forward orders for furniture as a yardstick for future growth and currently they are showing no

signs of recovery.

Although the bonus is 17 per cent lower than last year, taking bonus and pay together a partner on average pay received 5 per cent more in 1991-2 than the previous in line with inflation. But Mr Lewis said: "The parmership must do everything it can this year reasonably and sensibly to curtail its growth in expenses which very largely Comment, page 21 means its increase in pay.

KLM says rift with BA is final

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT IN AMSTERDAM

KLM, the Dutch carrier, is seeking closer ties with Northwest, its American partner, and now regards British Airways as a predatory competitor.

Pieter Bouw, KLM president, said last night that merger talks with BA foundered last week because the British carrier was concerned only with the short-term interests of its shareholders. He dismissed suggestions that he might be prepared to reopen negotiations. "That will not happen, at least in the fore-seeable future," he said. "Now we must concentrate on other

ideas and other partners." KLM intends to forge closer links with Northwest, in which it has a 20 per cent

Ironically, the Dutch airline is to combine with BA in a new global reservations company, based on a computer in Denver, Colorado. This will be owned jointly by ten European and three North American airlines.

BA will have a 14.7 per cent

stake and KLM one of 12.1 per cent in the new company, which is to be called Galileo International.

☐ A fresh round of air fare wars will be fought this summer after a cut of up to 38 per cent in the cost of transatlantic travel by American Air-

The lower prices will be available only for flights from America to Europe, at least initially. An American Airlines spokesman said: "Adwe had a dramatic rise in passengers when we did this after the end of the Gulf war."

The airline says its fare from America's east coast to London, Manchester and Glasgow will be \$448 between April and May, and in September, and \$548 between June and August. American had originally planned to charge an average \$729 for a return trip from the East Coast to Europe.

Other big carriers are expected to cut fares in line with American.

Offshoot growing at M&S

MARKS and Spencer is taking on Interflora by launching a mail order service for flowers. Directors believe home-delivered bouquets could be a long-term winner, after the pilot scheme, which runs until the end of May, has shown encouraging results in its first three weeks.

M&S, of which Ian Bentley is merchandise manager of horticulture, sells about 4 million bunches of cut flowers a year and has had some bouquets in its stores. The group has mailed 500,000 of its 3 million charge-card customers with details of the service and there are leaflets in 20 stores.

The top-priced bouquet is £24.99 and the delivery charge is £3.50, with a guarantee of next-day delivery for

orders placed by midday.
The group will send flowers to any part of the country except the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. The supplier is located Lincolnshire.

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Steetley gets in net assets tangle

STEETLEY, the building materials concern, has slipped on a loose paving stone in its increasingly frantic attempts to avoid the £620 million hostile bid from Redland after being forced to admit that the company is worth £40 million less than the market had

The latest defence document contains news that the long-awaited net asset figure includes a downwards adjustment of £40 million following a reevaluation of certain mineral reserves in

The company in 1990 paid Fr850 million for Gobitta, a building aggre gates business based north east of Paris. The 1990 accounts revalued the estimated 150 million tonnes of reserves acquired from a book value of £12.2 million to a "fair value" of £87.3 million, equivalent to the price paid and so obviating the need to take any writeGobitta's reserves are now estimated at only 94 million tonnes. The independent valuation of the whole group throws up a net asset per share figure of

Steetley says this figure includes no premium for gaining control of the company, while, if the value to Redland of the group's surplus advance corporation tax capacity is taken into account, the net asset figure would rise to 394p.

Steetley's shares dropped 5p to 377p on publication of the document. Redland's offer is now worth 386p a share. The admission is all the more embarrassing for Steetley because when rumours began to circulate around the City several weeks ago that Gobitta might be worth rather less than is suggested in the latest accounts, they were strenuously denied. The company had also denied it was in any dispute with the vendors of Gobitta. Steetley now says there is a £7 million legal dispute

relating to the exact acreage that was bought. Steetley continues to reject the bid and by 1994 is promising "exciting' prospects for its landfill operations and annual cost savings of £22 million from restructuring already taking place. But Richard Miles, the chief executive, admitted the revaluation was "very disappointing," adding: "We all make

Gerald Corbett, the Redland finance director, was in triumphant mood. "To have to write off in the middle of a bid 12 per cent of your net assets and half the cost of the biggest deal you have ever done is almost without precedent." Steetley has had a disastrous run in

its opposition to the Redland bid. A rival joint venture with a third company, Tarmac, was derailed by monopolies problems, while the bid itself received the qualified blessing of the regulatory authorities. Two weeks ago the company suffered the departure of its long standing broker, Cazenove.

Profits rise after restatement

Dillons book price squeeze helps Pentos

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

TERRY Maher, chairman of Pentos, the retail and office furniture group that owns the Dillons bookshop chain, has hailed his autumn promotion, designed to break the back of the net book agreement, as a success.

Dillons sales rose 8 per cent in December, against a 1 per cent increase for booksellers as a whole.

Mr Maher, who is calling on other publishers to follow the lead given by Reed and publish popular titles outside of the net book agreement, said it was fear of a backlash from retailers opposed to the abolition of the agreement that had stopped other publishers from publishing non-

He added: "We know that last year, both Harper Collins and Random Century both said they were going to publish some titles outside the NBA and then later changed

When asked why other retailers, such as Waterstone's, which competed aggressively on price, had not experienced the same results, Mr Maher said those groups had not advertised their promotions effectively. "We advertised the promotion at Dillons but not at our other bookstores-

...where we ran the same. promotion. In Dillons, same shop sales were up 6.4 per cent in the final quarter and in the non-Dillons shops they were down 2 per cent"

Pentos group pre-tax prof-its rose 7 per cent to £15.2 million last year after 1990's results were restated to allow for a new accounting policy on reverse premiums. Stripping out the change in accounting policy, pre-tax profits were almost static.

Total sales rose 18 per cent to £215 million and earnings fell 2 per cent to 9.1 p a share. The final dividend is 2.05p, making 2.75p for the year, up 10 per cent

Specialist retailing boosted sales 25 per cent to £185.1 million and profits 21 per cent to £15.9 million. Dillons total sales rose 37 per cent and same shop sales 5.5 per cent. Same shop sales at Athena rose 2 per cent, while those at Rymans were static. Profits at the office furniture division' fell 33 per cent to £3.7 million on sales down 10 per cent at £30.3 million.

Mr Maher was pleased with the group's acquisition of Wilding, the office equipment group. The open plan division has been transferred to Pentos's office furniture division, bringing to the group an additional £6 million of turnover, while 64 retail outlets with sales of £20 million have been incorporated into Rymans.

The direct sales and service division was sold to management, with the net effect being an extra £2 million cash

Mr Maher said business had picked up in the third quarter of last year and the first nine weeks of this year had been slightly better than Shares in Pentos rose 1p to

138p yesterday.



Best selling trio: Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti and José Carreras

PolyGram records 25% income rise

By Wolfgang Munchau, European Business correspondent

PolyGram, the Dutch music company 80 per cent owned by Philips, reported a 24.8 per cent rise in net income to 446 million guilders (£138 million) during 1991, helped by the continued strength of

the recording business.
PolyGram's best-selling
artists last year included Bryan Adams, Dire Straits, Sting and the Scorpions. The best-selling classical recordings

were Carreras. Domingo, PolyGram, whose share of Pavarotti — In Concert, which has sold 7 million the market rose from 17.5 per cent to 18.5 per cent last copies since its release, and year, when it expanded the complete Mozart edition, which has sold 8 million.

Alain Levy, PolyGram's president, said the results "bear witness to the relative resilience of recorded music in a time of recession". The results mark the seventh consecutive year of growth at year. When it expanded heavily, buying the distribution rights for Motown Records and 30 per cent of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Holdings.

Net sales went up by 20.5 per cent to Fi 6.33 billion. The dividend rose from Fi 0.5 to Fi 0.6 per share.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

George Walker called to court by consultant

A FIRM of property consultants has issued a subpoena requiring George Walker, the deposed chairman of Brent Walker, to appear as a witness in a High Court action being brought against the leisure group next week.

Aldenbrook, a purposely created shell company, is claiming about £150,000 in unpaid fees and interest from

claiming about £150,000 in unpaid fees and interest from Brent Walker in a dispute that dates back to 1988, when Mr Walker was head of the leisure group.

James Lewis and Brian Morley, who control Aldenbrook, claim their firm affected an introduction between Brent Walker and Shepherd Neame, the brewing group, which led to Shepherd Neame buying eight pubs from Brent Walker. The current management of Brent Walker denies that it was Aldenbrook's introduction that resulted in the sale. Mr Lewis and Mr Morley believe Mr Walker can confirm they were acting on his instructions.

Renishaw drops 22%

A FALL in sales, high spending on research and development, and investment led to a 22 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits to £4.2 million at Renishaw, the scientific instruments manufacturer. Turnover for the six months to end-December fell 4 per cent to £21.3 million. The company said demand from most leading customers had dropped more than 30 per cent. There was little sign of an unitary in its important markets. The interim dividend in an upturn in its important markets. The interim dividend is 2.5p (2p). Earnings per share were 6.1p (7.6p).

Enterprise at £1.7m

ENTERPRISE Computer Holdings, formerly Systems Reliability, reports pre-tax profits of £1.73 million for the sixmonths to end-December (£2.52 million). The results are the second interim figures after the computer services group's change of year-end to end-March. The results compare with a £4.78 million loss in the first half of 1991. Earnings were 3.59p per share (1.15p). There is a second interim dividend of 1p (1.5p). Enterprise expects to pay a further dividend at the end of the 15-month period. The shares rose 2p to 25 ½p.

Readymix record slips

PRE-TAX profits at Readymix, the Irish concrete and building materials group, were Ir£3.6 million (£3.34 million) last year, compared with the record Ir£4.8 million in 1990. The company said all operating units had traded profitably. It invested Ir£3.6 million on capital improvements and nearly half was spent on Concrete Pipes and Ballykilmurray Tarmac, its most recent acquisitions. A final dividend of Ir2.2p (Ir1.95p) is being paid to give a Ir2.75p total (Ir2.5p).

Crossing to Rubicon

group, is changing its name to Rubicon and asking shareholders for £5. I million through an eight-for-seventeen rights issue. A further 1.18 million shares will be issued to banks in settlement of £1 million of liabilities. George Duncan, the recently appointed chairman, heads a new management team. The group lost £8.9 million in its last financial year but made £963,000 pre-tax in the six months in November 30. There is again no interim dividend to November 30. There is again no interim dividend.

Sema shows 8.5% fall

SEMA, the Anglo-French computing services group, suffered an 8.5 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £14 million in 1991 and gave warning that there were few signs of a market upturn. The results would have been worse had it not been for a restructuring programme begun in 1990. Turnover was 10 per cent better at £412.5 million. Earnings per share were up from 10.5p to 11p because of lower tax and minority interests charges. Dividend per share was raised from 2.5p to 2.6p.

Macy's top job fight PRESSURE is growing for a management shake-

Macy's, now under the protection of the bankruptcy court. Bondholders want Edward Finkelstein, aged 66, and chairman and chief executive, to stand aside. His successor, Myron Ullman, currently vice-chairman, has already signed a \$800,000 contract for the next three years — and a total of \$2.4 million if he fails to get the top job. But Mr Finkelstein will not go without a fight. At a recent board meeting he pledged that he will take Macy's out of bankruptcy.

UK hotels batter **Brierley**

BY OUR CITY STAFF

PROFITS and earnings have plummeted at Brierley Invest-ments Ltd, the New Zealand investment group, because of a slump in the performance of Mount Charlotte, its Brit-

ish hotels group.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-December fell 54 per cent to NZ\$140 million (E44 million), while the interim has been cut by I cent to 4 cents. Earnings per share slumped to 3.6 cents.

Mount Charlotte's profits fell 95 per cent to just £1.5 million due to the recession. The figures marked a recov ery from the start of 1991 however, when the Gulf war brought losses. Trevor Beyer, a BIL director, said that the group planned to cut its stake in Mount Charlotte from 70 per cent to 51 per cent. In December, BIL sold its

other main British operating subsidiary. Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, to Incheape for £394 million. A profit of £46 million on the disposal will be included in the second half. Two-thirds of BIL's operat-

ing profits came from its trading activities, while NZ\$108 million came from investment sales. During the year the figures at most of the group's New Zealand busi-

Despite the slump, the fig-ures are a victory for BIL, which has succeeded in cutting its net debt by more than half to NZ\$3.2 billion.

The group recently announced a joint A\$150 milion (£65 million) bid for ACIL, the energy and brewing group formerly called Bond Resources, with GPG, Sir Ron Brierley's new invest-

Ofwat adjusts profits

OFWAT, the water industry

financial regulator, has, for the first time, published current cost accounts for the ten privatised water and sewerage companies, as well as the regulated water-only suppliers. The current cost accounts reflect the impact of inflation on assets and depreciation.

They show operating profits of the privatised companies utility subsidiaries were between 10 per cent (South West) and 59 per cent (Southern) lower than the conventional historic cost profits. Apart from Northumbrian, which shows a fall from historic profits of 13 per cent, the rest show operating profits between 17 and 32 per

cent below historic figures. Companies that have been forced to increase their spending on assets most in recent years are least affected by the current cost adjustment and vice versa.

The counterpart of the profit adjustments is that the current value of assets rises. especially for those companies whose recent investment is a relatively small proportion of their total assets. The increased value of assets shown in the current cost accounts could be used by Ian Byatt, the director general of water services, to support his case that companies could afford to borrow more to finance investments. putting off some of the final cost to customers

Mr Byatt said the much lower returns on capital shown in the current cost figures" should not be compared directly with cost of



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Bryant faces price freeze

By MARTIN BARROW

Bryant & May. Britain's biggest match maker, faces a two-year price freeze after the company had earned excessive profits because of its 78 per cent market share. Monopolies and Mergers

Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, announced yesterday that the Office of Fair Trading will seek an undertaking from the company not to increase the price of its branded matches until 1994. Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, will review the mar-Peter Lilley, the trade and trading, will review the mar-ket to decide whether further controls are necessary.

The commission ruled that the company failed to pass on to customers the benefit of "significant cost reductions", taking advantage of its domi-nant market share and of excise duty on lighters, which encouraged match sales.

artification of the second of The report criticised provisions in agreements with major customers relating to counts, exclusivity on sales and promotional activities, and minimum stocking requirements. These provisions were found to be against the

One commission member dissented against the find-ings, concluding that reme-dies were unnecessary. The dissenter argued that Bryant & May was reacting to competition by including certain provisions in trading agreements and that profitability had enjoyed the benefit of factors that would not recur or would have a reduced effect in future.

Regarding lighters, the commission found that price competition was greater and no adverse effects on the public interest were identified. Bryant & May is the largest supplier of disposable lighters and refillable disposable

In 1987, the commission approved the takeover of Bry-ant & May by Swedish Match, subject to the assur-ance that price increases would not exceed the rate of increases in the retail price index, a condition that has been met by Bryant & May. David Wheeler, managing

director, said the company would co-operate with the OFT in implementing the commission's recommendations but criticised the gov-ernment's intervention. "We believe that the inquiry has been a waste of taxpayers' money and that the findings will have very little impact on the public interest." A box of matches cost less than one cigarette. Matches represent-

ed 2p in 1100 of consumer supermarket spending.
Bryant & May estimates that its recommended prices to retail and trade customers have not risen above the rate of the retail price index since 1987 while the trade price of cigarette lighters, also includry, remained unchanged since 1986.

Gambling and property drive down Ladbroke

By Graham Searjeant

per cent cut in profits from tively well. Profits of the betting drove Ladbroke's pretax profits down 29 per cent to E210 million in 1991 after charging E10 million extra interest on a low interest convertible bond under new accounting rules.

The group has written down the value of its Hilton International hotel chain by £56 million, nearly all abroad, despite raising the valuation of the Langham, its new London hotel, by £19 million above cost and development costs. Ladbroke has also made write-offs and provisions totalling £90 million. Of this, £49 million was charged against profits, including £42 million of net interest and costs of development that would previously have been capitalised. This pushed the group's properly division into a £12 million loss and the development side is

being run down.

Earnings fell a third to 16. Ip a share but the dividend has been increased to 11.5p per share, a rise of 7.8 per cent after adjusting for the £460 million rights issue last August. Ladbroke shares gained 5p to 229p.
The Gulf war and recession

hit the group's Hilton Interna-tional hotel business and also, more surprisingly, its betting business. Ladbroke had built up a high-stake credit betting business to around 15 per cent of its betting turnover and this collapsed, although the retail betting shops around Britain

LOSSES on property and a 30 and in Belgium held up rela-2 per cent to £2.25 billion.

By contrast, the group's DIY retail business, principally Texas Homecare, sailed through the recession by in-creasing its market share. Profits increased by a fifth to £48 million on turnover up 16 per cent to £653 million. Hilton hotels saw turnover

dip 3 per cent to £758 million and profits fall £11 million to £164 million despite £44 million profit from the sale of freeholds of two provincial ho-tels. The hotel business has, however, recovered from the impact of the Gulf war and increased profits in the second half of 1991.

Interest charges rose from £60 million to £92 million, but the rise pre-dates the rights issue. This reduced borrowings to 38 per cent of shareholders' funds, which rose by £370 million to £2.85 billion. Capitalised interest, net of early rentals charged against it, more than halved to £24 million and is likely to fall drastically again this year.

Cyril Stein, the chairman,

said 1992 had started encouragingly. Hilton International has seen an increase in business travel and the group is still selling developments at above balance sheet values



Encouraged: Cyril Stein thinks 1992 will be better

Provisions help push Woolwich down 20%

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

PROVISIONS for bad debts and losses from estate agencies clipped pre-tax profits 20 per cent to £136 million last year at the Woolwich, Britain's fourth largest building

The provisions tripled to £94 million, including £22 million of written off interest. Seventy per cent of the society's mortgage business is in southern England where the property market has been

Donald Kirkham, group chief executive, said: The continuing recession mani-fested itself in an extremely weak housing market in 1991." The number of houses in possession at the end of the year was 2,850 compared with 1,940 at the beginning of 1991. The estate agency lost £22

million. February had, however, seen an improvement with sales up 30 per cent, Mr Kirkham said. Lending was down from £3.6 billion to £3.1 billion and

net retail receipts fell from £1.4 billion to £1.1 billion. The cost-to-income ratio for the group increased from 53.7 per cent to 59.9 per cent. Operating profits rose from £196 million to £208 million and the value of assets was up £2 billion to £20 billion.

Mr Kirkham said the Town & Country, which will vote next month on a merger with the Woolwich, lost about £43 million after making provisions of £60 million.

Surveys point to recovery in orders and spending

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

CONSUMER spending is recovering, led by the Midlands and the North, and manufacturing orders and output are starting to expand again, according to two surveys of the British economy.

However, the government's cyclical indicators, published yesterday, are confusing. The January data showed the coincident indicator, which is supposed to move in line with the economy, pointing up for the first time in 19 months, while other indicators sig-nalled downturn.

Emulating the closely watched American survey of purchasing managers, the Institute of Purchasing and Supply issued a report on business in Britain. It is based on responses from executives responsible for spending £250 billion each year. In contrast to other recent surveys, this one shows manufacturers reporting significant growth in orders and output. The key purchasing managers' index, based on a weighted average of several indices, rose to 50.8 per cent

in February from 47.2 per cent in January. Last month's figure was the highest since September. A reading above 50 per cent indicates general expansion. The new orders index rose to 56.7 per cent from 49.3 per cent in January; the output

index climbed to 53.6 per

cent from 49.6 per cent. Con-

sumer spending is set to re-

cover slowly, with retail sales rising 2.3 per cent this year. according to a report from BSL Business Strategies. It says that after a 1.9 per cent fall in consumer spending in 1991, the largest on record. recovery is under way. although it will be sluggish and

fragile.
BSL predicts a 1.1 per cent rise in consumer spending this year, driven by higher real disposable income. This compares with the 2.5 per cent growth the Treasury forecast in its November autumn statement.

Peter Dixon, senior economist at BSL, said high street spending should rise faster than overall consumer spending. Lower expenditure on fuel and power is foreseen this year after high spending on these items in the cold winter of 1991. The fastest-rising component of spending is ex-pected to be leisure and other services; consumer durables. usually bought on credit, will

take longer to pick up.
Government figures showed the longer leading indicator, which identifies turning points in activity about ten months in advance, falling 0.6 per cent in January. The shorter leading indicator, which looks four months ahead, dropped 0.1 per cent, reflecting a fall in share prices. Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull, described the data as "confusing to negative".

Raine bids for fellow builder

By MARTIN BARROW

RAINE Industries, the housebuilder and contractor. has made a £30.8 million agreed bid for Walter Lawrence, a fellow housebuilder.

Raine is offering one new ordinary share for every two Walter Lawrence shares. Convertible preference share-holders are being offered 100p a share in cash, with a

The ordinary offer initially valued each Walter Lawrence share at 57.8p, a premium of 151 per cent over Wednes-day's closing price of 23p. But with Raine shares falling 15 p to 108 p the closing terms valued the shares at just

over 54p.
The offer has been recommended by the Walter Law-rence board, and 17.9 per cent shareholder Newarthill has stated its intention to accept the bid in the absence of a higher offer. Walter Lawrence, whose

shares have fallen from a 12month high of 64p, estimated that pre-tax profits for 1991 fell from £3.6 million to £600,000 after an exceptional provision of £1 million against residential developments. The company has

debts of £72.3 million.Raine also announced a 2-for-7 rights issue of new shares at 95p each, raising £33.5 million.

Although the proceeds would be used to reduce borrowings associated with Walter Lawrence, the rights issue is not conditional upon completion of the takeover bid. Raine said the funds would instead be used to strengthen

its own balance sheet.

Raine has promised to maintain dividend payments for the current year, pledging to pay a 4p final, although profits look certain to fall.

Interim profits, announced esterday, fell from £8.2 million before tax to £5.8 million and earnings from 4p a share

to 3p.

The company said that housebuilding and interior contracting suffered lower margins in a highly competitive trading environment. However, Hall & Tawse, its

building contracting subsidiary, benefited from the quality of contracts carried

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ROLLS-ROYCE ANNUAL RESULTS

In 1991, Rolls-Royce turnover fell by 4% to £3,515 million, compared with £3,670 million in 1990.

Operating profit fell to £335 million (1990 £468 million) reflecting a sharp fall in profit margin, caused by reduced volumes and adverse business mix.

Profit before exceptional items and tax was £109 million (1990 £226 million) after charging £216 million net Research and Development (1990 £237 million).

After exceptional charges of £58 million (1990 £50 million), largely to cover restructuring, profit before tax was further reduced to £51 million (1990

Year end net cash was £52 million (1990 £170 million), a good performance in difficult trading conditions.

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended December 31, 1991. 1990 £m 3,670 Turnover 3,515 Operating Profit 335 468 Profit before exceptional items and taxation 226 109 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation 51 176 Profit attributable to shareholders 134 Earnings per ordinary share – net basis 13.9p 2.5p 15.3p nil distribution basis 3.5p Dividend per ordinary share 7.25p 7.25p**Dividend:** The directors recommend a final dividend of 4.7p per share (1990 4.7p per share) making a total dividend for 1991 of 7.25p per share.

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2,339 after exceptional items, adjusted for net interest.

Commenting on the results, the Chairman of Rolls-Royce, Lord Tombs of Brailes, said; "The results are set against a background of economic recession, made worse by the Gulf War. However, our broader business base has enabled us to report profits in this difficult climate.

"We have continued to strengthen our position in highly competitive international markets. Our progress in building the order book whilst maintaining a strong balance sheet and reducing our cost base gives us every confidence for the future. On this basis we have maintained the dividend at the 1990 level."

Rolls-Royce plc, 65 Buckingham Gate, London SWIE 6AT. Financial data for the year to December 31, 1991 has been abridged from the fall Group accounts for that period. The 1991 accounts, which received an auditors' report without qualification, have not yet been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The Annual Report will be published and sent to all Rulls-Royer pir that choiders by the end of Annual

Brittan fires a broadside against EC mergers body

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

SIR LEON Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, delivered his long-awaited retort to those who believe his powers should be curtailed and an independent European Mergers Author-

ity set up.

Speaking in Innsbruck,
Austria, last night, Sir Leon
voiced the "gravest doubts"
about divesting Brussels of its competition and mergers task force. He is fighting back against his enemies. These include prominent figures in the French political establishment — France's foreign minister, Roland Dumas, for example, has made little secret of his antipathy — and Martin Bangemann, the industrial

commissioner. Sir Gordon Borric, head of the Office of Fair Trading, and his German counterpart, Wolfgang Kartte, are also numbered among Sir Leon's rivals.

Herr Bangemann and Herr Kartte have both suggested that an independent mergers authority for the Community could be based on Germany's Bundeskartellamt (cartel office), Which has energetically promoted a "level playing field"

Sir Leon said the Berlinbased Kartellamt, headed by Herr Kartte, had enjoyed a unique cultural climate in Germany. "In the Community as a whole, it cannot be said there is a comparable



Sir Leon: fighting back public commitment to the

principles of competition policy," he said. His most serious objection, however, to a new authority is that it would have to bow to rulings from an arbiter, such as the European Commission or the Council of Ministers. That, he believes, would make it prone to political

"Allowing the commis-sion or council to override the competition authority would be to legitimise the application of political fac-tors when it comes to making the final decision," he said.

Shorn of its ability to investigate a case with its 100-strong team of merger experts, the commission would be reduced to making political decisions on the new authority's judgements. That would give carte blanche to less marto veto them, according to Sir Leon. "If you give a body such as the commission or council the right to take the final decision," he said, "it is bound to want to exercise that right and to . . . bring to bear considerations other than those of competition."

The present arrangement had produced impartial decisions that did credit to Brussels, he said. More than half of the commission's experts were seconded from national competition authorities such as the Bundeskartellamt anyway. from start to finish.

The speech is unlikely to dampen controversy over the competition directorate
the commission department with the highest profile — as the 17-member college of commissioners nears the end of its tenure. Herr Bangemann, fond of

labelling competition experts "gurus and ayatol-iahs", said recently that Sir Leon had been wrong last autumn in the De Havilland case — in which ATR, jointly owned by France's Aerospatiale and Italy's Alenia, was blocked by the commission from taking over De Havilland of Canada.

There are doubts on whether a new competition commissioner will be as impartial as Sir Leon; and next year. France and its more interventionist allies might decide to revive the issue of competition versus indusCASTEMPUS CONTRACTOR

Ladbroke past the worst

not stopped Ladbroke being as enigmatic as ever. Profits from Texas Homecare, which looked vulnerable to lower consumer spending rose 20 per cent to £48 million last year and widened margins. However, high-rollers credit betting feli 60 per cent. That de-pressed division profits 30 per cent to £65 million and will take time to recoup.

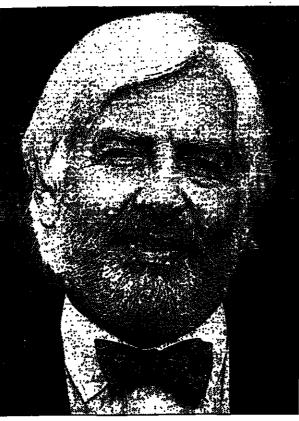
Considering the first-half impact of the Guif war, the Hilton International hotels business, now the centre of Ladbroke, experienced a modest 4 per cent drop in trading profits to El64 million on turnover down 3 per cent to £758 million. The missing link is £44 million from sales of the freeholds of two provincial hotels that Ladroke will still operate

taken as a profit against original book value.

The board notes that selling hotels while developing others is a normal source of profit. However, a precau tionary write-down of £56 million net in hotel values is taken off revaluation reserve. Proposed changes in accounting standards may have an impact here.

On the property side, which made a loss of £12 million after interest against profit of £45 million. write-offs and provisions total £90 million, but of this. £49 million has been taken through the profit and loss account, including a £5.5 million write-down in dealing properties and a reduction of more than half in capitalised interest to £24 million.

There must still be question marks over the property side on both sides of the Atlantic but elsewhere, profits should recover. Peter Hilliar of BZW is looking for a recovery in pre-tax profits from £210 million to be-tween £250 and £260 million. Earnings per share, which fell a third to 16 ip last year, may only edge upwards due to the full impact of the judicious £460



Change of pace: Stephen Rubin, head of Pentland

The shares, up 5p to 229p, sell at 14.2 times 1991 earnings. The attraction lies in a 6.7 per cent yield, but the shares are not for the

Pentland Group

HAVING achieved one of the greatest investment coups of all time through buying into Reebok in 1984, the ques-tion is whether Pentland Group, led by Stephen Rubin, can repeat the trick at Adidas. With £273 million of net cash on the balance sheet after the Reebok stake sales, the stake of Bernard Tapie, the majority shareholder at Adidas, over which it has a pre-emption right should

come on the market. One or two things are different this time. M Tapie is a canny politician and businessman who is not likely to sell out at a bargain price. The initial 20 per cent stake taken by Pentland in Adidas cost the company £46 million, about 1,000 times the size of the entire Reebok

Without Reebok, Pentland's £l-a-share asset value consists of 75p in cash. The group's other assets, consisting mainly of sports and footwear brands, contributed operating profits of £8.5 million last year on turnover of £315.8 million.

Assuming no contribution from and no further invest-ment in Adidas, pre-tax prof-its will rise from £19.6 million to about £35 million this year, of which more than £20 million will be interest income. The dividend, which was trebled to 2.25p this year, is also likely to show another sharp increase.

If M Tapie decides to sell, and he has indicated he may withdraw from his business interests after the French national elections in April. the picture could be very different. The shares cur rently change hands at about 14 times expected earnings. Shareholders should not expect another Reebok, but the

strong asset backing alone

makes Pentland a relatively

Raine

low risk punt.

RAINE has shown resilience during the slump and its shares have held up well. Now the company is taking advantage of the goodwill it currently enjoys to bid for a fellow builder that is not

sitting so comfortably.

Walter Lawrence expects profits to fall from £3.6 million to £600,000 in 1991 after further provisions of El million against residential developments to add to pro-visions of £5 million in 1990. Of greater concern are the group's hefty borrowings of £72.3 million, against net assets of £49.4 million at the

Raine's profits are also under pressure, slipping from £8.2 million before tax to £5.8 million in the half year ended December. Earnings growth will not resume until the domestic economy picks up, which is unlikely to be until the first half of Raine's next financial year, at the earliest.

interests fit neatly, with Wal-ter Lawrence focused on southern England and the North-west, and Raine in the Midlands and the North. Together they will sell about 2,000 homes a year, with an average price of £71,500, pitched towards part of the market that is expected to show the earliest signs of

Walter Lawrence shareholders should expect no more; investors in Raine ability to deliver the goods in

BAA declines after warning on its profits

BAA, the independent air- profits for the full year were as port operator, fell 15p to bad as feared. falling from 563p after being hit by a low- £176 million to £51 million. flying profit forecast that gave The aerospace division rewarning of further provisions placed a surplus of £81 mil-for property write-downs. lion with a deficit of £6

did the damage by reducing profits fell from £102 million its estimate of pre-tax profits to £73 million. by £20 million to £185 mil- Sir Francis Tombs, the lion. Last year, the group chairman, gave warning that made profits of £247 million. trading conditions in 1992 Capel has based its decision would remain difficult but he on the prospect of further forecast a steady improvment property write-offs, especially as the benefits of restructur-relating to central London. BAA acquired much of its Ladbroke, the betting, hocentral London portfolio tel and property group, rose when it acquired Lynton 5p to 229p despite a drop in

Holdings a couple of years final pre-tax profits from ago. Capel says the recovery £296 million to £210 million. in passenger traffic since the The shares were no doubt Gulf War has been slower encouraged by a rise in the than envisaged, as figures final dividend. The hotels and next week should reveal. Share prices elsewhere lower profit contributions,

were a little ragged with while property activities pro-dealers concerned about the duced a deficit of £12.4 milovernight setback on Wall lion against a profit last time Street and the latest opinion of £45.2 million. polls showing Labour with a five point lead over the Con-struction group, surged 23p servatives. Prices were marked lower at the outset and continued drifting throughout the day. A sharp turnround in the fortunes of the March future also took its toll. The FT-SE 100 closed just above its worst of the day

described trading conditions tinued to reflect worries about a possible surge in government borrowing and the pound's renewed weakness, which has dented hopes of an early out in interest rates. Prices at the longer end were

2,538.3. Turnover rose to

608 million but dealers

left nursing falls of £4. Steetley, the building materials group, fell 5p to 377p as it continued to reject the £610 million bid from Redland, 1p cheaper at 454p. Steetley says that planned disposals of its business promised by Redland to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission runs contrary to its claims about

It looks as if the fall in BAT Industries has been overdone, with the price rallying 10p to 625p. The shares have been a weak market, worried by the provisions at Eagle Star, its financial services arm. Warburg Securities was aking a positive view of BAT's prospects yesterday.

the commercial logic of the

Simon Engineering climbed 19p to 271p ahead of full-year figures next week expected to show pre-tax profits virtually halved to about £20 million. County NatWest WoodMac, stockbroker, has added Simon to its list of top 30 buy recommendations and expects the dividend to be maintained. It describes the shares as one of the best recovery plays in the engineering sector with good exposure to the imminent American upturn. Simon re-places Prudential Corporation, 4p lower at 239p, which is still regarded by County as undervalued on yield

considerations. The decision to maintain the final dividend lifted Rolls-Royce, the aero engine group. 6p to 146p. However, pre-tax

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Dow opens lower WALL Street shares opened moderately lower on a follow-through to Wednesday's 22-

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industrial average and weaker bonds vesterday. The Dow was down 2.68 points at 3.265.88 in midmorning trading. In the broader market, declining

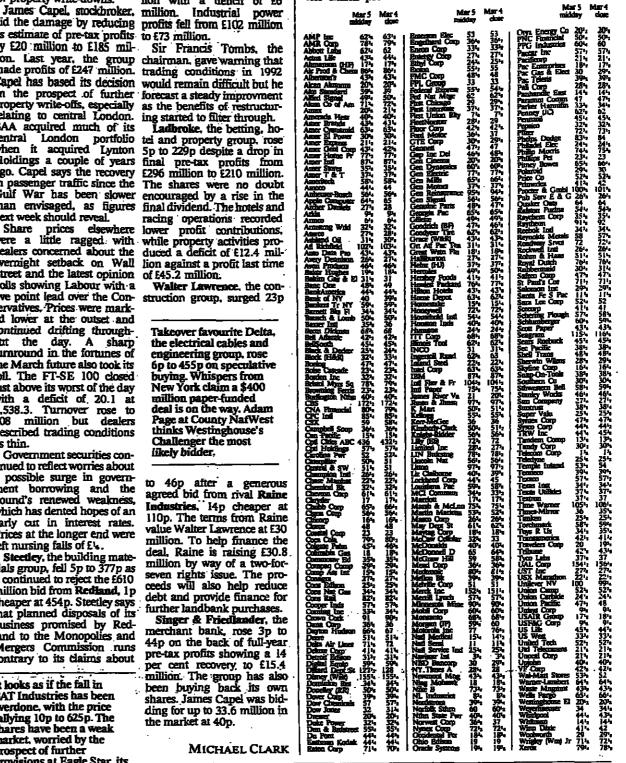
point drop in the Dow Jones

Analysts said a larger than expected drop in weekly jobless claims provided further

shares led advancing shares

signs of economic improvement and helped take some pressure off the market. However, the data also pushed bonds lower, which raised concern among investors about rising interest rates.

□ Tokyo - Shares ended a sluggish day lower, with the Nikkei average below 21.000 for the first time in eight days. The 225-share Nikkei average was down 241.00 points. or 1.14 per cent, to 20,864.42.



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Challenger the most likely bidder.

BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL LIQUIDATION

NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS

The District Court of Luxembourg, 6th Chamber, on 3 January 1992 appointed B. Smoutha of Touche Ross & Co. London, and G. Baden and J. Roden, Attorneys at Law, Luxembourg as Joint Liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International S.A. ("BCCI SA"). A winding up order was also made in respect of BCCI SA by the High Court in England on 14 January 1992. On the same day C. Morris, J.P. Richards, N.R. Lyte and S.J. Akers, all of Touche Ross & Co, London were appointed as Joint Liquidators of BCCI SA by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Section 137 of the Insolvency Act

The Grand Court of the Cayman Islands on 14 January 1992 appointed I.A.N. Wight, R.E. Axford and M.W. Mackey of Deloitte Ross Tohmatsu, Cayman Islands as Official Liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (Overseas) Ltd ("BCCI Overseas") and Credit and Finance Corporation Limited

seed Pooling Arrangements and Agreements with Majority Shareholders The Liquidators of BCCI SA, BCCI Oversess and CFC are in the process of sending out letters with

• Proposed Pooling Arrangements whereby the assets of BCCI Holdings (Luxembourg) S.A. ("Holdings") and its subsidiaries, BCCI SA, BCCI Overseas and CFC, including branches of BCCI SA and BCCI Overseas, will be pooled and distributed rateably amongst creditors.

 Proposed Agreements with the Government of Abu Dhabi on behalf of the Majority Shareholders of Holdings under which the Government of Abu Dhebi will make funds available for distribution (subject to conditions) to ordinary unsecured creditors of BCCI SA, BCCI Overseas, CFC and Holdings.

The High Court in London will consider whether to approve the Proposed Pooling Arrangements and the Proposed Agreements with the Government of Abu Dhabi at a hearing on 8 April 1992. The courts in Luxembourg and in the Cayman Islands will consider whether to give such approval at hearings to be held on 28 April 1992 and on 30 April 1992 respectively. Creditors may appear or be represented at these

If any claiment has not received the above letter and its attachment by 21 March 1992, or requires turther information, or intends to appear or be represented at the court hearings, he should contact, for BCCI SA. the Liquidators' Global Creditors Group at P.O. Box 250, 100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3AD. Linked Kingdom and, for BCCI Overseas and CFC, the Liquidators at P.O. Box 1359, Fort Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, B.W.L.

Creditors' Committees

A Creditors' Committee has been established by the Luxembourg Court. In England an ad hoc Creditors' Committee has been set up. These Committees will be consulted on the Proposed Pooling Arrangements and the Proposed Agreements and their views will be reported to the relevant Court. In the Cayman islands. It is proposed that a Creditora' Committee be established for BCCI Overseas following the hearing on 30 April 1992. Any creditor who requires to be placed in contact with members of the Luxembourg or English Creditors' Committees should write, for Luxembourg, to The BCCI Creditors' Committee, 25c Boulevard Royal, P.O. Box 46, 2010 Luxembourg and, for England, to The BCCI Creditors' Committee, P.O. Box 550, 100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3AD, United Kingdom.

The Liquidators will be writing to claimants separately before 30 March 1992 concerning the procedure for establishing claims (including Special Proof of Debt forms) and there is no requirement for claimants to contact the Liquidators at this time to establish their claims.

This notice ONLY applies to BCCI SA and BCCI Overseas and their branches and to CFC. THE JOHN LIQUIDATORS OF BCCI SA, BCCI OVERSEAS AND CFC.

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Preliminary results for the year to 25 January 1992

	1991/92 £m	1990/91 £m	
Sales	2280.4	2159.2	+ 6%
Trading Profit	100.1	109.9	- 9%
Interest	22.8	18.4	
Profit before tax	77.3	91.5	-16%
Taxation Preference Dividends	8.3 0.2	12.6 0.2	
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	68.8	78.7	-13%
Retentions	38.6	42.1	-
Partnership Bonus	30.2	36.6	

Profit sharing

All the equity capital of John Lewis Partnership plc is held in trust for the benefit of the workers in the business.

The profits remaining after taxation, preference dividends, pensions and allocations to reserves are distributed yearly among the workers as Partnership Bonus in proportion to their pay. This year the rate of distribution will be 9% of pay (1990/91 12%).

For further details please telephone 071-828 1000 ext 6222 or write to Chief Information Officer, 171 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5NN.

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Rolls rides out the recession

The contrast between Rolls-Royce Motors and Rolls-Royce plc, the aero-engine maker, L could scarcely be greater. The car company lost money last year after sales halved. Its parent, Vickers, is casting around for a partner to help fund models for the next decade. Rolls-Royce, the engine company, stayed in the black, albeit on lower profits. And the company's foresight in reducing reliance on military sales has enabled Rolls to weather the turbulence as government extracts its peace dividend.

Since Rolls-Royce was returned to the private sector almost five years ago, it has lifted its share of the world civil aero engine market from 11 per cent to 24 per cent, a magnificent achievement. Some £2 billion of shareholders' money has been invested in research and development. As a result, the company now relies upon five families of engine for its civil sales, instead of two. Rolls has a newer, and broader range of engines than either of its larger American rivals, Pratt & Witney and General Electric. This has been reflected in sales. Engine output

has doubled to 400 a year and the order book is The impact has yet to reach the bottom line, for

two reasons. First, aero engine makers have traditionally sold new engines for wafer-thin profits and made the real money on spares once they had the customer locked in.

Second, improved reliability has delayed the point at which engines start to consume spares hungrily from three years to six.

So although Rolls installed engine base is huge, and growing, it is, in Lord Tombs' phrase, immature. Not until the mid-1990s will Rolls' reap the full benefit in its profit and loss account.

In the interim, job losses, cost cutting and restructuring remain the order of the day. If production costs can be sufficiently reduced, perhaps Rolls, and its rivals, can start to rebalance the profit equation so that engine prices better reflect improved reliability. That would benefit the company's owners, and employees, alike.

Lloyd's smears

he Prime Minister's office was quick to dissociate itself from the latest Lloyd's scare story to appear in usually highly regarded newspapers. The offending article painted a picture of Mr Major deeply concerned that the activities of so called insiders in the insurance market might damage the international standing of the City. Lloyd's critics would no doubt be delighted if the story were true. For it would clearly imply that the Prime Minister accepted the criticisms of the Lloyd's knockers. The response from his office yesterday makes clear that this is not the case. The attempt to use Mr Major in a context which casts Lloyd's in a bad light is the latest in a series of similar smears which taken together are beginning to raise the possibility of a dirty tricks campaign. Earlier notable efforts, later denied by the key players, suggested that high level Lloyd's figures were being given a serious hearing by the Bank of England over pleas for financial assistance and that clearing banks were cutting their credit lines to Lloyd's. These suggestions were strongly refuted by the Bank and Lloyd's itself. Doubtless there will be similar attempts to find a black side to yesterday's moves by Lloyd's to take prudent precautions to increase its liquid resources overseas and give the market greater flexibility in meeting claims. This is no more than good houskeeping at a time when the scare stories in London might affect overseas confidence in local money markets.

Thorn EMI looks favourite to win Branson's musical heart

Philip Robinson looks

at likely buyers for Virgin Music Group,

foundation stone of the entrepreneur's empire and now up for sale

horn EMI now looks the odds-on favourite to emerge as the new owner of Richard Branson's Virgin Music Group, the world's last major independent record company, val-ued at \$1 billion. Mr Branson, the soft-spoken entrepreneur and airline owner, has been teasing the fickle industry for almost nine months, saying his music business was not up for sale, but letting it be known just how much he may want for it.
One New York analyst said:

There's got to be a fight over Virgin. It's not just because the business is attractive, but the various rivals will want to keep it out of the hands of their competitors. It was the same with [Michael] Jackson's new deal. Sony may not have wanted to pay him so much, but they didn't

want him going anywhere else."

Goldman Sachs is now acting as auctioneer in a fight between Bertelsmann of Germany and Thorn EMI in the UK, which have both confirmed their interest.

Barring a last-minute change of

heart, PolyGram, part of Philips, the Dutch giant; Time Warner, the American entertainment group whose labels include Atlantic and Elektra; and Sony Corporation of Japan, which owns CBS, are out of

So too is the Japanese Matsushitaowned MCA records; MCA snapped up Geffen Records, the last leading American independent label, almost two years ago in a stock and shares deal which made David Geffen, at 48, among the richest men in Hollywood. But he could have been \$40 million richer. Mr Geffen took MCA's 10 million shares, then valued at \$545 million, over a \$700 million cash and shares bid by Thorn. When Matsushita bid for MCA, Geffen's stake was valued at \$660 million.

The City estimates Mr Branson may get £570 million for his music business, whose top artists include the dancer-singer Paula Abdul, Janet Jackson, Genesis and now the

Rolling Stones.
That is 30 times last year's estimated profits of £18 million and at the top end of prices paid in the past industry players have scrambled to snap up smaller labels. The big six now control almost 90 per cent of the world market. A New York record industry executive said: "This is now a game of market share. That's the top priority of these companies.

Since 1989, to raise it has been to buy it: MCA's \$545 million deal with Geffen came amid Thorn's \$435 million for Chrysalis, and SBK and PolyGram's \$750 million bid for A&M and Island records. The industry's largest recent ownership change was the \$2 billion deal by



Record breaking: Paula Abdul, the singer, could soon find herself working for new masters

Sony for CBS records in 1988. Virgin is the last big independent deal left. Buying its 6 per cent market share would lift either Thorn or MCA from their joint third positions to a clear second place with a 21 per cent share, pushing out Sony, which has 16 per cent. But neither would offer an immediate challenge to Time Warner, the largest with 29 per cent.

A purchase by Bertelsmann would rocket it from sixth to second pos-ition, equal with Sony, and restore the German group to a slightly higher market share than it had following the purchase of RCA from General Electric in 1986. Since then, its position has been savaged by the lack of English-language hits. Time Warner and Sony have each lost 3 per cent of market share points

At the Grammy awards ceremony in New York last week, naming the winner of Virgin's auction was the top dinner table game, once the music industry had handed out its version of the Hollywood Oscars at the Radio City Music Hall. Time

Warner swept the board with 22 awards, taking best album, best record and best song with Natalie Cole's version of her father's classic. Unforgettable. Sony gained 14 - its top artist was Michael Bolton - and Thorn's Bonnie Raitt collected three Grammies, the total warded to the group. But despite Mr Branson's own big name list, there were no accolades for his artists, who were nominated in two categories, but failed to win either.

r Branson, now 41, has let it be known he wants out of the record busi- ness, but he is effectively putting the family silver up for sale. Music is where he started, more than 20 years ago, and continues to provide more than half the profits of his empire. But close associates say that while he is no musical expert, he knows what sells. Some worry that he is swapping one volatile industry for a ride on another: the airline business, which has more ups and downs than a chart topper and eats much more money. However, it has

been the one industry that has drawn many successful entrepreneurs once they have enough money Marvin Davis, the American bil-

lionaire and former owner of the 20th Century Fox TV studio, wanted to bet a large part of his fortune on a bid for America's United Airlines 30 months ago. Luckily for him the deal came to nothing and the airline industry nose-dived into its worst slump on record, killing off two leading names. Mr Branson's personal wealth is not yet in the billions of dollars but he is heavily commit-ted to Voyager Travel Holdings, the division of his interests which controls the Virgin Atlantic airline and whose profits last year are estimated at £775,000 on a £281 million

Virgin now runs 18 aircraft to 13 cities world wide and wants to apply for routes to Johannesburg, San Francisco and Washington DC. Mr Branson says his ambition now is to create a quality airline that can survive on a world-wide basis. In recent years he has worked increas-

ingly with minority partners — three of them are Japanese.

A brief courtship with stock market investors in the mid-Eighties left a sour taste that prompted him to take his company back into private ownership. The City had made it clear by its lack of enthusiasm for his shares that it lelt less than comfortable with companies where executive flair could increase investment

Mr Branson is expected to apply a similar joint venture strategy to the sale of the music business, already part owned by Fujisankei, the Japa nese media group that bought a 25 per cent stake for \$170 million in 1989. Its role in the current negotiations is far from clear. Mr Branson is expected to keep a small stake himself and insist that the management remain.

His first asking price was around \$2 billion, but if he can get \$1 billion and keep a stake, it would allow him the option to raise more money later by selling the balance at valuations he hopes will rise as the recession

rowth in compact disc sales has suddenly come to a halt after rising 10 per cent a year since they were introduced in 1983. Meanwhile, the cost of attracting talent continues to rise.

Michael Jackson now receives \$18 million a record up front from Sony for each of his next six albums. His sister Janet recently signed a \$30 million contract with Virgin. Other record industry deals have given Aerosmith \$35 million and Motley

Madonna, who is renegotiating with her current Sire Record label, owned by Time Warner, is pushing for a Jacksonesque price and movie deal. But she is in a weaker position. She still owes them three records under her current contract. She wants advances to rise from \$3 million to \$5 million per record and her royalty rate to climb from 18 per cent to 20 per cent, although this is still well short of the 25 per cent commanded by Michael Jackson.

Virgin is believed to have lured the constantly rolling Stones away from Sony with a 33 per cent rise in upfront payments from \$6 million to \$8 million; it paid them \$35 million for a three-year deal and rights to their records since 1971. It is the third time the Stones have changed labels in less than a decade. CBS Records poached them from Atlantic in the mid-Eighties for what was then a staggering record industry eement on lion a record.

The industry itself is having to get leaner and meaner. Thorn recently announced 42 per cent staff cuts on its three main labels by merging marketing, promotions and sales, removing 150 jobs. But its music division profits for the year that ends this month are expected to rise 15 per cent to £124 million.

Mr Branson, who has said little publicly on the sale of what has been the seed corn of his empire, is on record with one quote: "It would be nice if it went to a European."

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Linley's phoenix

VISCOUNT Linley's show-room on the King's Road. south-west London, will re-open in May after a fire in January wiped out most of his stock. The Queen's nephew, who has had a run of bad luck including the theft of his £10,000 Harley Davidson motorbike last autumn, will recoup just less than £100,000 from his insurers who are on the brink of settling the claims. Most of the chairs, tables and other classic pieces from David Linley Furniture, typically sell for £2,000 and more. Ruth Kennedy, managing director, says: "There's definitely a good market for us out there as we still do a lot of business through interior designers." Company of the Control of the Contro The most recent returns at Companies House tell a story of hard times, with a turnround from record profits of £116,000 in 1989 to a loss of £18,000 in 1990.

Classic sideline

TIMES are hard in the property business, but are they this hard? John Coventry, who runs the City office of Hillier Parker, the chartered surveyor, is running a profitable business on the side hiring out posh cars. Vintage Occasions of Salisbury has two Rolls-Royces, an E-type Jaguar and two antique Land Rovers available for special events. Coventry hopes to use the 1928 Rolls-Royce Phantom and its sister, a 1935 model, to raise money for the Salisbury Cathedral Spire Appeal. The couple who raise



in the cars in the Norwich Union RAC classic car run from Castle Combe to Silverstone on May 24. Details from Hillier Parker on 071 606 6600.

JOHANNESBURG is a long way from the Square Mile...A recent report in South Africa's Business Day newspaper referred to those well known London institutions - Hambrose and Barclays de Zoete Weld.

Trouble brewing

LIFE in North Yorkshire may not be as idyllic as one might imagine. Take the village of Masham, which has been split by a row involving the Theakston brewing family. The trouble began last auturnn when Paul Theakston. who quit the former family business after it was bought by Scottish & Newcastle in 1988, announced that he was building a new brewery on the doorstep of the S&N site. Theakston has now given himself a month to raise £850,000 from investors under the business expansion the most sponsorship will ride scheme. An investment of

£625 — the minimum reguired - will buy 500 shares in the company, which aims to be churning out 12,500 barrels of Black Sheep bitter by 1995. His brother, John, chief executive of Higgs & Hill, the construction group. ioins him on the board.

WHAT is the difference be tween a bond and a bond salesman? A bond matures.

PIMS, the media services

company; has published a guide to the "in" phrases used by trendy public relations

PR speak

executives. Their so-called jar gon generator includes a list of "must" phrases to slip into conversation — "attitudinal hurdle", "ballpark figure" and so on — and examples of genuine PR speak is thrown in for good measure. On Hanson's need to regain City confidence: "What is needed is a revamped, heavily branded campaign with strategic input from the top." On Labour's tax proposals: "They've presented John Maior with a carefully targeted, long-term, multi-dimensional, window of opportunity." Last but not least, the benefits of tax exempt special saving schemes: "Off the record, Tessas opened up a unique and innovative corporate path-finding venture for investment houses and many held round the table brain storming briefing meetings at which they agreed to explore the window of opportunity in the market and give fund managers two bites of the

Reflections on Glaxo discounts

From MrJ C Porteous. Sir, I feel it may interest your

readers to know that most of Britain's High Street pharmacists would have been able to forecast the drop in value of Fisons shares. The availablity of Opticrom (the hay fever treatment) was minimal during the first half of the hay fever season. Pharmacists also knew this to be the case in Europe and North America.

Your readers may now be interested to know that Glaxo have recently altered the terms of discount available, on their UK pharmaceuticals, to the UK pharmaceutical wholesalers. These terms

mean that pharmacists will receive less discount on Glaxo products. Pharmacists are obviously not going to let this go unchallenged. I feel that pharmacists will import more European Glaxo lines at a much lower price and also use, and encourage GPs to prescribe, more of Glaxo's drugs generically. Both of these options will result in reduced UK sales. I leave you to draw your own conclusions how this will affect Glaxo's share price and profitability. Yours faithfully

BUSINESS LETTERS

C PORTEOUS 33 Springvale Road Webheath Redditch Hereford and Worcester

Allowance would encourage investment the company should charge

From Mr Gordon Williams Sir, Professor Samuel Eilons letter (February 27) draws attention to a serious cause of low investment in plant and equipment. Compare the tax relief for a small company investing in either plant or in a pension scheme. If a client asks for advice I have no difficulty in recommending the pension scheme. The tax relief in the first year is four. times as much and there is no risk. The 25% writing down method is clearly too low for high tech expenditure rapid because of obsolescence.

The investment in the pension fund is reinforced by the income of the pension fund being free of tax whereas the income from the investment in plant is taxed.

If the Treasury had been asked to devise a scheme to discourage industrial investment I doubt if they could have made a better job. JON ASHWORTH Professor Eilon implies that

what depreciation it likes in the accounts. This solution is unnecessary and undesirable. It is undesirable because it makes it easier for directors to manipulate profits per the accounts. It is not necessary for the writing down allowance for tax and the depreciation rate to be the same. All that is required is the reintroduction of a first year allowance. It may be desirable to restrict the first year allowance to beneficial investment, e.g. manufacturing or import substitution. I will leave this point to better brains than mine. In the past the allowance has been an indiscriminate incentive and it would be an added bonus if it could be targeted to the type of expenditure which would help to stop the long term decline in

postion. Yours faithfully, **GORDON WILLIAMS** 14a High Street, Banstead, Surrey.

the UK relative competitive

Pension sense From Mr D. Lindsay Sir, Rather than simply

pensions (which will we the large differential ber male and female pension the 60-65 age range) a Swain suggests as an all tive to tax cuts (Le March 2), why not equ the state pension age at Not only will this ac justice at a stroke; it relieve the lot of those r 60-65 year olds who have job and no pensions, rel many jobs to the unempl allow 60-70 year olds to into part-time work, re-

employers' pensions cost benefiting employment investment), spread fur spending power amon responsible sector, take s of the heat out of the M tricht "Barber" Prote and, of course, appeal to good sense of the electora Yours faithfully,

DAVID LINDSAY, Legal Adviser, Campaign for Equal Sta Pension Ages, 36 Orchard Coombe, Whitchurch Hill, Reading, Berks.

Over the top From Mr D H Durkin

Sir, Following Mr Ian Davison's letter (Februar) regarding the future Lloyd's, I am wondering y use could be made of building in the event of demise Whilst the graceful Fit building could be turned

a ballroom with bars restaurants in the gallery, only alternative business for the new building we seem to be bungee jump or free-fall parachuting. Yours faithfully D H DURKIN. 24 Harlands Close, Haywards Heath,

W Sussex.

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Fewer out of work helps lift gloom in Germany

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

MILD weather lifted some of the gloom over the German economy at the start of the ear, according to official

They show unemployment falling nationwide last month after a January jump of aloutput in the western half of

the country. The welcome dose of good news on the economy coincided with the regular formightly session of the Bundesbank policy-setting council, which left key interest rates

Although the latest economic data went some way to correcting the poor economic picture from December, the economy remains on a downward trend after three quarters of shrinking output.

The Bundesbank and the Bonn government still talk of a slowdown from previous exceptional growth rates caused by unification, rather

Provisional figures from the economics ministry showed an 8.5 per cent surge in output in the construction industry, reflecting the unusally benign weather, help-ing to boost industrial output in western Germany by a seasonally adjusted 5.9 per

The bounceback was flattered by the very weak De-cember figures, when industrial output dropped 4.2 per cent. The December fall was originally given as 3.1 per cent. Industrial output over the latest three months was about 0.5 per cent down on the previous three months.

Labour office data, meanwhile, showed that unemploy-ment in east Germany fell back to 16.4 per cent in February from a record 17 per cent in January.

Despite economic slowdown, unemployment in

western Germany fell back to

6.8 per cent from 6.9 per

The construction industry

and agriculture, both benefit-

ing from the weather, provid-

ed the biggest improvements

In eastern Germany, gov-

ernment subsidised jobs and

retraining schemes continue

to mask more serious real

unemployment, according to

Heinrich Franke, head of the

federal labour office. But the

number of west Germans

working short-time rose sub-

stantially in February, with

the greatest increases in

building, electronics and

Ruth Lea, chief economist

at Mitsubishi Bank, said that

the German data largely rep-

resented a "correction" from

bad December figures. But

she said they also confirmed the view that Germany is "not

entering a mega-recession", as some of the gloomier fore-

She saw nothing in the

latest figures to prompt the

Bundesbank into any early

She foresees no cuts in Ger-

man interest rates until the

third quarter, at the earliest.

Most forecasters still expect

unemployment to show a

□ In Japan, Kiichi Miya-

zawa, the prime minister, and

the key members of his cabi-

net have agreed that the gov-

ernment must take measures

to give the flagging economy

a boost, according to Takeshi

Noda, the economic plan-ning agency minister. Although Mr Noda said

the question of a cut in the

discussed, the government is

expected to increase the pres-

sure on Yasushi Mieno, the

governor of the Bank of Ja-

pan, to initiate an early

slight rise this year.

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in the labour market.

More O'Ferrall finds shelter in second half



Brighter outlook: Russell Gore-Andrews, the chairman, whose second-half profit prediction came good

MORE O'Ferrail, the billboard and bus shelter advertising site contractor that raised £13.4 million through a rights issue in October, has made a strong second-half profit recovery. Profits slumped to

E800,000 in the first six months of the year as the company took the strain of the advertising downturn in the UK. The prediction of Russell Gore-Andrews, the chairman, that the second six months would see a substantial improvement in profits but without matching 1990 levels came good; second-half profits reached £5 million (£7.7 million), making £5.8 million (£9.7 million) for the year to end-December.

As expected, the hardest hit division was UK and Ireland, with a 36 per cent fall in operating profits to £7.1 million. Belgium was little changed at £1.4 million. while France improved from £364,000 to £855,000.

The interest bill was almost unchanged at £3.36 million and the rights issue cut net debt to £8.6 million, giving gearing of 26 per cent.

A 10p final dividend makes 13.2p for the year,

New issues for ASB task force

The Accounting Standards Board might force property developers who take loans with low early interest payments to charge the full overall cost in their accounts from the start. The topic is among those being investi-

gated by a task force. These also include valuation of assets moved from fixed to current status (which can bring a meaningless accounting profit), presenta-tion of debtors not receivable for more than a year as current assets and accounting for post-retirement bene-

Life Sciences beats recession

laboratory equipment supplier, announced a 29 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £18.5 million, its fifth consecutive year of profits growth.

Christopher Bland, chairman, said the result showed the "recession-proof characteristics" of the Life Sciences business. The total dividend is up to 3.35p (2.9p) after a final payment of 2.2p (1.9p).

Negotiations on listing

Donald Gordon, chairman ol Transatiantic Holdings. a Luxembourg-quoted property and insurance group, said the company was talking to the London Stock Exchange

about a listing.

For the year to December 31. Transatlantic reported pre-tax profits of £57.8 million, down from £70.6 million. The dividend has been cut from 13.5p to 12.p

TLS passes final payout

Range, a USM-quoted vehicie rental group, to pass its final dividend (0.8p). The group blamed the recession in the motor trade for a pretax loss of £259,000 in the year to December 31, compared with a profit of £807,000 last time. Turnover climbed from £8.8 million to

Falling orders for oil undercuts Opec target

BY MARTIN BARROW

WORLD demand for oil produced by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries will decline by 8.5 per cent to 22.6 million barrels per day (bpd) in the second quarter of this year from 24.7 million in the first, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in its monthly oil market report.

The seasonal decline will leave demand significantly below Opec's production target of just under 23 million bpd, agreed at last month's ministerial meeting in Geneva. The imbalance between demand and supply has undermined oil prices, which remain well adrift of Opec's target of \$21 a barrel. North Sea Brent, which

basket of Opec crudes, was priced at \$17.41 yesterday. The IEA, an oil industry watchdog for big consumers, estimated that global de-mand would decline from 67.8 million bpd in the first quarter to 65.2 million in the second. That would rise by 1.4 per cent to 66.1 million in the third, resulting in a 3.5 per cent rise in demand for

Opec and oil company stocks. Opec output declined to 24.3 million bpd in February from a revised figure of 24.4 million in January. Saudi Arabia, Opec's largest producer, trimmed production to 8.5 million from 8.6 million in January, excluding its half-share in the 300,000 bpd from the neutral zone shared

Dividend pegged at Radius

A DIFFICULT second half resulted in a sharp drop in profits at Radius, the computer systems supplier. In the 12 months to the end of November, pre-tax profits fell from E2.8 million to £366,000, reducing earnings from 6.5p a share to 0.8p. At the interim stage, the company returned profits of £800,000.

Despite the setback, Radius is maintaining dividends at 2.7p a share with an un-changed final of 1.8p, uncovered by earnings. Michael Roberts, chairman, said the unchanged dividend reflected a strong balance sheet, with cash balances rising from £2.48 million to £3.13 million during the year

Turnover was £28.12 million (£29.9 million) but operating profits declined from £2.82 million to £942.000

Middle East demand **bolsters MTL profit**

By Our City Staff

MTL Instruments, which makes explosion protection companies to benefit from the uncertainty in the Middle East caused by the Gulf war.

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a share to 16.6p. The group will pay a final dividend of 1.9p a share, making 3.4p for the year, against 2.8p last

Turnover grew from E14.05 million to £18.03 million and operating profits from £3 million to £3.94 mil-

lion, with trading margins showing a slight improvement as a result of greater manufacturing efficiency and a larger contribution from overseas subsidiaries, the group said. Capital investment totalled

£2 million, including £700,000 spent on two buildings at a 1.2-acre site at Luton, Bedfordshire. Cash balances at year-end rose £1.6 million to £6.3 million although investment income fell from £743,000 to E630,000 because of lower interest rates.

Ian Hutcheon, the group chairman, said MTL would continue to expand despite the difficulties of recession. Orders have risen 23 per cent year-on-year.

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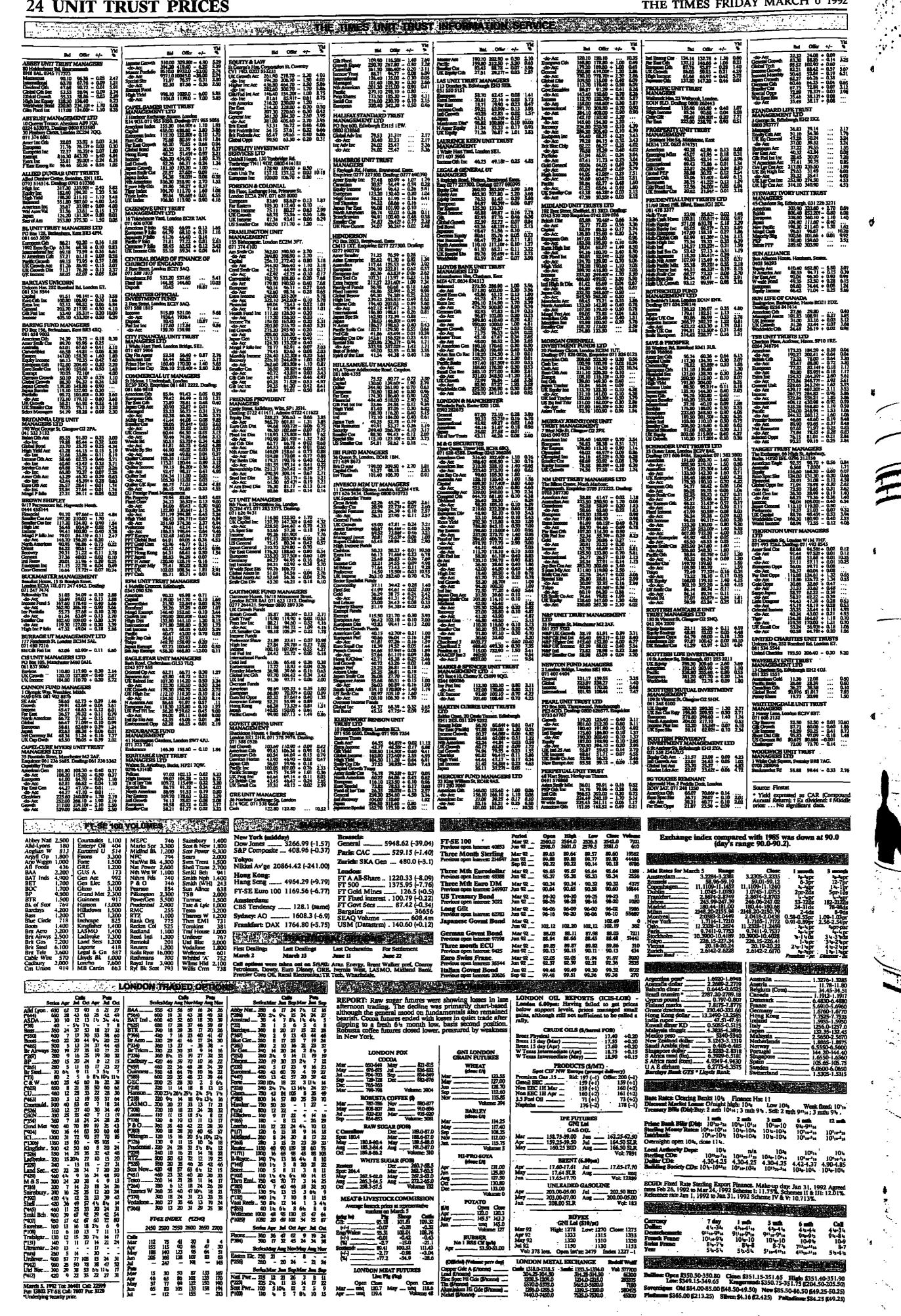
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tied pub tenants

A PILOT scheme is being launched in Sheffield to help the tenants of tied public houses when the tie ends and they start running their public houses as an independent business. Preliminary discusschemes and schemes are brewers when reduced by the schemes are brewers when reduced ber of their tied estate to monopolies requirements.

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the backing of the Sheffield Transing and Enterprise Council (Tec)
and the Department of Employment. In the pilot, a dozen pubs and the Department of Employment. In the pilot, a dozen pubs are chosen to represent various outlets from town establishments to country pubs, including some strategically placed to benefit from tourism generated by the Peak National Park which lies just outside the Sheffield city boundary.

Bass Lease, a Bass subsidiary, has 1,200 pubs in England and Wales earmarked for eventual conversion from tied to licenced status as Bass whittles down its tied estate. Nearly half have been switched to commercial licences, typically running for ten years, but

some for 15 or 20 years. Bass Lease already advises the tied tenants during the transformation into separate businesses, but the Sheffield scheme will offer help over a six-month period without the involvement of brewery personnel. The value of the scheme to each pub owner will be up to 64,500, but subsidies will reduce the cost to about £300.

The difference will be made up from the Sheffield Tec, Bass and the employment department. Each business will get an individual audit and there will be help from professional advisers.



"Every day is Budget day for me!"

Pilot project helps | Future profits unearthed in the past

Venerable Bede to good account, Lucy Walker used them as her starting point when she began Speciality Tours in 1984. Today the business arranges tours in archaeology, landscape and social history around Britain, all with specialist guides.

She had several reasons for founding the tour operating business. For one, she wanted to avoid becoming involved in things like "power play, hierarchies and gen-der politics". She was also keen to infect others with her own enthusiasm for the past.

An Oxford graduate in history and Italian, Ms Walker had previ-ously done field work in Oxford's extra-mural department of archaeology. Her boss ran programmes in field archaeology and this gave her the germ of her business idea. She found the programmes "interesting and fun" and realised the same could be done to make archaeology interesting to lay people.

She began her business while living in Durham and working as a field archaeologist. During the first three years, Speciality Tours centred on the North-East. . In her start-up, she was helped by the use of Oxford extramural's

mailing system to despatch leaflets. She gave up her job to spend four months on an enterprise training scheme at Durham University business school. "I had some savings and put about £1,000 into

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TURNING Hadrian and the the business And I got a Tourist Board grant for 40 per cent of my marketing costs," she says. She worked from home, on an electric typewriter (now there is a computer), but contracted in part-time

secretarial and mailing help.
In 1987, Diane Williamson joined Speciality Tours as a partner. The business prospered and now has an annual turnover be-tween £60,000 and £70,000. To offset the effects of the recession and stimulate cash flow it is expanding into winter "city break" weekends. In addition, it offers

tailored packages.

Ms Walker, aged 37, moved to
Cambridge a year ago. The business, still based in Durham, is managed by both partners, with Mrs Williamson responsible for day-to-day running and the accounts, helped by a small book-keeping system. Printing, the main expense, is done in Durham.

Each tour is planned with its professional guide. The main' ones, from £265 to £390, last five nights. One highlight of the new season is archaeology of the Scilly Isles led by Professor Charles Thomas, former director of Exeter University's Lossington of Cornich University's Institute of Cornish Studies. Others are Chichester's Roman and medieval landscapes. and the Borders led by Tom Clare,

Cumbria County archaeologist. "Clients like the personal touch, some come back year after year and we get a lot of single, professional people," Ms Walker says.



Personal touch: Lucy Walker, founder, Speciality Tours

BRIEFINGS

BRIGHT ideas could earn small UK businesses awards of up to £100,000 in the 1992 Smart competition. Smart is the Small Firms Merit Award for Research and Technology. Each year, the trade and industry department offers 180 stage-one awards of up to £45,000 each.

Stage-one winners, judged on feasibility studies, go forward to stage two, in which there are additional awards worth up to £60,000 for ideas taken to the

prototype stage.
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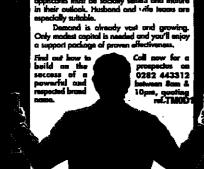
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INFOTECH TIMES

Playing tag in the office

have ranged from keeping minor of-fenders under a form of house arrest to alerting old peoples' homes when residents stray. It can be useful in offshore worksites, where for safety reasons it may be necessary to know who is where on

board a rig.

But for wider use electronic tagging is most likely to make its presence felt in the office, and the more high-tech, the more likely it is that employees will eventually be tagged. In a project jointly funded by Olivetti and Digital Equipor whatever."

ment more than 130 people are now wearing electronic badges about 2 in square, known as active badges. The system was started one-and-a-half years ago and uses infrared sensors which pick up transmissions from the badges and keep tabs on who is where in a building.

throughout the working day.
The project involves 35 people at Olivetti Research and more than 100 at the nearby University of Cam-bridge computer laboratory. Now Olivetti and Digital Electronic systems to keep track of people at work are being tested. Matthew May looks at the possibilities

are investigating how to incorporate the results of the project into commercial prod-

"I think that by the end of this year electronic badges will be appearing in various guises," says Dr Andy Hopper, managing director of Olivetti Research in Cambridge, where much of the work is being done. "But they will probably be sold as part of a larger system connected to computers, phone systems

The ability to link the location of people in an office to computers, telephones and other devices is said to be the main advantage: the latest hi-tech systems can work far more efficiently if they know where someone is.

Telephone calls, for example, can be routed to the telephone nearest to the badge wearer while the tag can also be used to log people on to a computer automatically as soon as they sit down at a screen. It should also

prevent people from logging on under false identities. Urgent electronic mail can be sent to the nearest terminal and its arrival announced by a beep from a badge. Three beeps may indicate the

Doors can be programmed to admit only certain badge wearers and shared computer printers can be told to give priority to requests from those actually in the building. The idea of phone calls

arrival of a visitor.

being able to track people down wherever they are may be seen as a potential night-mare for those who already spend hours dodging calls that are less important than the work they are trying to get done. To accommodate this, a button can be pushed on the badge to tell the system the

wearer is busy.
However, the software controlling the active badges goes further than this: for example, if more than three badges are grouped together

automatically assumed to be having a meeting and will not lightly be disturbed.

Individual badge wearers can also program the system to their particular idiosyncrasies: for example, allowing interruptions sometimes wherever they are in the building but never if their badge shows they are in the boss's office.

ext week the sys-tem will be upgraded to test a personal alarm facility. By pressing the button on a badge several times, the wearer will generate an emergency message on the system giving his or her location and identity. As with many new technol-

high and then tumble if the system takes off. "In large volumes these badges should useful that people find it only cost a few pounds a person," says Dr Hopper, "though at the moment it is tens of pounds."

ies, the cost is likely to start

the system have included hefty power consumption by the badges, although the batteries now last for two years, and a few initial headaches making the infra-red sensors work when the sun was com-

ing in through the windows.

The only problem now, he says, are the users. "People do sit on them 50 times a day and then wonder why they don't work," he complains. Less easy to solve will be the social objections to office tagging systems that, many would argue, intrude on privacy. Such objections have surrounded other electronic

tagging systems with controversy, especially if it results in a record being made of some-"You have to be quite careful how you present this system to people, and so in Olivetti Research there is no recording of information," Dr Hopper says. "We have found it soon becomes so

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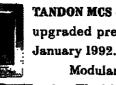
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More than 1,300 delegates from 120 countries attended the meeting, the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC), which will affect broadcast and other radio-based services for

Other disappointed groups included ham radio enthusiasts: the conference considered the frequencies they use too valuable to allow any extension. Those eager to see an early use of phones on transatlantic flights also

faced a setback. Backers of plans for implelites had more reason to be happy about the outcome of the conference as a lastminute motion ensured they got their chunk of the spec-

The most ambitious plan, by Iridium, a subsidiary of Motorola, is to put 77 satellites in low Earth orbit, which will allow mobile phones. laptop computers and pagers to communicate with each other anywhere in the world. The service could begin within two years and eventually have two million

The four-week event was characterised by a struggle between the world's different regions to get what they considered best for themselves - the United States, for example, was determined to see 17Ghz adopted as a worldwide standard for high definition television pictures broadcast from satellites. Europe, on the other hand, was holding out for 21 Ghz.

The agreement to adopt both frequencies guarantees

patible with that for Europe. The US and Europe also agreed to differ on the fre-quencies to be used for telephone links to aircraft and with a dual allocation it means that airlines will have to kit out their aircraft with two sets of equipment — one for Argentina, Canada, Mexico and the US and another for the rest of the world.

North America will be incom-

In anticipation of a boom in mobile communications, parts of the radio spectrum were reserved for land-based mobile communications systerns, which should ensure a host of services becoming the end of the century.

Though shortwave broadcasters were allocated some extra space, serious congestion means that some broadcasters may move to a more expensive transmitting techcould lose millions of listeners in developing countries who will not be able to afford new high-tech radios.

The problem of shortwave congestion has become worse since the proliferation of smaller stations in Eastern

Europe and Russia. Alternatives suggested include sticking to shortwave but using the spectrum more efficiently through a technology known as "single sideband" that allows 50 per cent more stations on the same frequency, or moving to what some call the future of radio direct satellite broadcast.

Both approaches have the same drawback - new receivers will cost between £50 and £100, perhaps ten times as much as radios cost in some poor nations.

The use of single sideband is not supported by big international broadcasters like the BBC and Voice of America. They say the plan would render most of their listeners' radios obsolete

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There was never any way of getting hold of this range of information when you need-

ed it."

The service, which is also available to commercial pi-lots, is being extended to cover parts of the Continent and is tailored to deliver highly specific forecasts for individual aerodromes in Britain.

The Met Office also has plans to provide charts, weather patterns and other meteorological information to aviation customers on home or office personal computers through a development called self-briefing terminal

Mist will allow weather information to be delivered in

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The development of fax services for the aviation market highlights a growing range of fax-based services coming on stream from the

There are about a million and a quarter fax machines in Britain and we are now the biggest publisher in the area of dial-up fax," Mr Ephraums says.

A system called MetFax Marine is also expected to be introduced in the spring in time for the yachting season. This will provide a package of weather charts and textbased forecasts and reports

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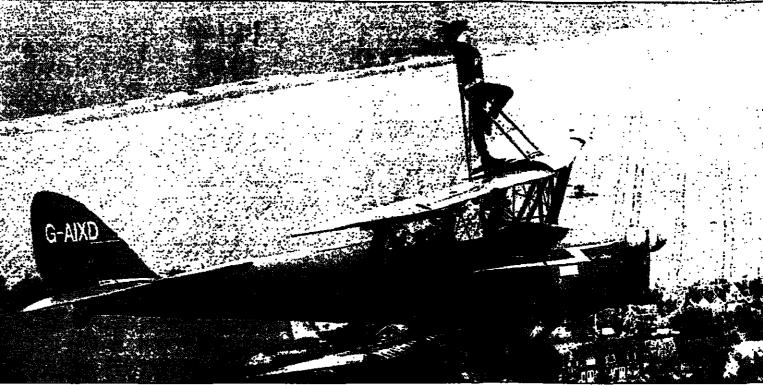
"In the past you had to listen in and jot it down," Mr Ephraums says. "Now we have it on dial-up fax so you can get it on a piece of paper."

The advantages of such a ystem are that other telephone numbers can be dialled to acquire more detailed information to support the shipping forecast

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This year for the first time farmers and fertiliser merchants are also being offered dial-up fax service that indicates the best time to

Research indicates that when the average daily tem-



Up and away: wing walkers, pilots and aerobatic teams can get a print-out of the wind speeds and flying conditions for a specific aerodrome

tion several days in advance, service offers specific, six-day issued feeding advice for most of the UK at the end of February. Fertilising forecasts for Scotland and the north of England, where average daily temperatures have been low-

er, are expected soon. A further farming service using fax has also gone nationwide recently, Mr Lee

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weather forecasts for different areas of the country. It also offers a daily faxed forecast to subscribing farm-

ers which, it is hoped, will help cut levels of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides sprayed on crops by indicating the best time to spray.

Farmers often have to respray crops with chemicals

because rain or wind has when spraying should be dewashed them away. Moreover, some pesticides work suitable. best at certain temperatures.

The service, which includes weather forecasts at county level, sends faxes at 6am, detailing wind speed, humidity, rain, sunshine and temperatures, thereby identifying the times when it is best to spray crops and the days

layed or omitted altogether hecause conditions are not

Studies by the Meteorological Office, ICI and ADAS, the government agricultural advisory service, indicate that pesticide use could be cut by 2,400 tonnes annually or 10 help not only the environment

but farmers' pockets in a time of recession, says Mr Lee. The service costs between £60 and £150 a month depending on the level of detail and was initially offered in the East Midlands and East Anglia. Mr Lee says

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Russian coup

THE Russian scientist who created supercomputers used by the former Soviet Union to design nuclear weapons has been hired by Sun Microsystems, the American computer company.

Boris Babayan and a team of about 50 other Russian computer designers will remain in Moscow to run a laboratory for the company. The scientists are expected to earn little more than their present monthly salaries of 1,500 roubles a month, a fraction of those earned by too American computer designers.

Price overlap

HEFTY price cuts are continuing in the computer world, and not even the buoyant market for portable computers is immune. Toshiba this week cut the US prices of several versions of its laptop computers by about 25 per cent. There are no plans to reduce British prices.

A model costing more than

£3,000 in Britain, for example, is now available in the US for less than £2,000 — a gap that is considerably more than a return airfare.



Trading blows

A COMPUTER game that iets people bash Japan to help America get rid of its chronic trade delicit has been announced, not by a US company but by a Japanese one. The simulation game, which costs £40 and will be on sale only in Japan, puts players in the shoes of the US government to negotiate with Japan to get its massive trade imbalance down. The player considers his citizens' complaints against Japan, and uses a number of "bashing points" to persuade his

Road check

THE transport department has given the first in-car traffic information system licence to Trafficmaster. Motorists will eventually be able to receive news of road conditions on major roads. The system uses sensors placed at two-mile intervals above motorways to collect traffic information and relay it to a a car dashboard display screen.

Fee cut

CUSTOMERS are having to pay different prices for Cellner's Callback messaging service, which relays calls made to cellphone users at their convenience. Though all users pay for each mess retrieved, Cellnet abolished a E3 a month subscription fee last December. However, about 10,000 of the system's 60,000 users are still having to pay a subscription fee through their dealers.

Net profit

SOFTWARE companies have not been hit as badly by the recession as many com-puter manufacturers. Novell, for example, last week announced profits for its first quarter 71 per cent higher than the same period last year and turnover up more than 50 per cent to \$205 million (£117 million). The rise reflected a 37 per cent sales increase in software for computer networks.

Group support

A RESEARCH programme into groupware, software that can be worked on by a several people at the same time is expected to receive more than £11 million. Up to 20 projects are to be run over the next three years. The programme on computer-supported cooperative working, will be partly funded by the trade and industry department and the Science and Engineering Research Council, with the aim of helping industry and academia to research advanced information systems:

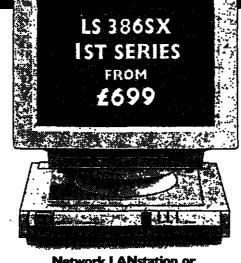
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RUGBY UNION

England hoping to make tour of S Africa in 1994

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

WHILE England have their eyes fixed firmly on tomorrow's five nations' championship match with Wales at Twickenham, their long-term horizon is shifting towards 1995. In their quest to be-come the best rugby-playing nation in the world - the stated objective of Geoff Cooke, their manager - they hope to tour South Africa in 1994, the year before the next World Cup, which is likely to be held in that country.

After yesterday's training in private at the Stoop Memorial ground, Cooke played down, as he always has, suggestions that England have reached the top of the ladder by establishing themselves as the biggest force in the northern hemisphere. That would not change, he said, even if Wales were beaten and a second successive grand slam

"It's a question of how you measure where you are," Cooke said. "We have only started winning. We have won two games against Wales in the last four years so were we to win again, we would only edge ahead during my time. They will make it very difficult for us. They are op-ponents who have traditionally caused England problems and whom we always like to

But the measure is sustaining a run of success over a period of time. We have to start beating the southern

A lot depends on the opportunities we have to play them. We have an early shot at South Africa in November and we are planning a tour there, which will be much more significant. All being well we are looking to go there in 1994.

Britain in 1993 and perhaps we have missed the boat with Australia. We have to register major victories against those sides before people start to talk about England in the same breath as they talk about the All Blacks. I think we have closed the gap but they are still ahead of us and we are running like hell to keep up with them."

Not that the England players are looking so far ahead; a second grand slam may be attainable but, as Cooke ob-served, for five of his side who took no part in last season's championship, a first will do nicely. Will Carling dismissed suggestions from Welsh players that England might go into the match "too cocky". Carling said: "We have

learned from every match we have played this season and we don't regard this as a foregone conclusion at all."
While England and Wales,

in Cardiff, trained yesterday, France announced a side showing seven changes, two positional, for their meeting at Murrayfield tomorrow with Scotland, whose veteran full back, Peter Dods, has confirmed that he will retire this summer. Since losing to

wards suspended. Pierre tight forwards and dropped Franck Mesnel, the experienced centre, after 46 appear ances. "Everything that is wrong with our game was exposed against England," Berbizier said yesterday.

The only new cap is Jean-Pierre Genet, aged 29, the Racing Club hooker and, by modern standards, a lightweight at 13st 10lb. He is joined in the front row by the experienced Louis Armary and Philippe Gallart, the Beziers prop whose last international experience was dismissal, and a subsequent four-month suspension, for punching during the final tour match against Australia

Olivier Roumat becomes an original selection at lock but Jean-Francois Tordo remains at flanker despite a tendency to concede penalties by his wild play. Philippe Saint-Andre moves from the wing to centre, Jean-Baptiste Lafond from full back to wing, and Jean-Luc Sadourny comes in at full back after three previous appearances as a replacement which have totalled some 30

Johnson eyes festival glory

HOWARD Johnson will leave behind his 120 suckler pigs and 500 sheep at Billy Row in deepest County Durham next week in search of

The quietly-spoken train-er-farmer, who has about 25 jumpers at his base seven miles outside Bishop Auck-land, heads for Cheltenham with more than dreams to keep him company on the long journey south

It is not unusual for small-er yards to produce one or, occasionally, two runners at the festival - and cause an upset. Remarkably, Johnson will probably have four horses running during the first two days and each of them has a genuine chance of

The former assistant to Arthur Stephenson is the last person in the world to shout from the rooftops about his horses or the excellent season he is having. Instead, he says: "We have always had plenty of horses, but now we have got better

quality.
"I have not changed my training methods. We do a lot of hill work here. At the top of the bank, it is 1,000ft the hills and keep the horses sweet around the farm. We take them down to the sea at Seaton Carew just for a canter and roll in the sand and sea. They seem to come back all right."

Johnson, aged 38 and thrust into the training role ten years ago when his father's health began to fail, was chatting just after re-turning from Catterick where he had given his festi-val hopefuls a final workout. "Absolutely smashing. We're really pleased with them. They have all jumped

By MICHAEL SEELY

HYWEL Davies will ride

Fidway in Tuesday's Smurfit

Champion Hurdle. Steve

Smith Eccles, Fidway's usual



straight into their pots. Abnegation, in particular, showed he had recovered fully from a set of nigeling

injuries to take his place in the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle, where he will be partnered by young Jimmy Moffatt. The half-brother to smart Irish chaser Barney Burnett has won three races this sea-

son after losing out by only seven lengths to Cab On Target last campaign. The form of his latest victory at Newcastle has worked out exceptionally well.

Abnegation has shown a dislike of travelling in the

past so the seven-year-old may be accompanied to Prestbury Park by Mary, his live-in goat.

Edberg, comfortable win-ner of races at Kempton and Sandown this year, is a twomile chaser who is improv-ing almost by the minute. With only 10st 6lb in the Grand Annual, he will be among the favourites.

"He's improving all the time and he's particularly well in himself. The only trouble is that we always thought that he is better going right-handed. He has only won going that way.
"If Cheltenham were

Davies to partner Fidway in Champion

Fidway, with a maddening

habit of stopping after hitting

the front has looked very

good recently, particularly

ing he won't go left-handed. But he does jump - he will take lengths out of the others. Lacidar is a regular at the festival and finished runner-

up in the Mildmay of Flete two years ago. The 12-yearold, accompanied by Stephen Swiers, one of the top northern amateurs, will go for the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup, having recently won impressively at

Howe Street has also shown himself to be in good form when beaten narrowly at Sandown after winning at he is likely to take his place in the Mildmay of Flete where he should appreciate the step up to two-and-a-half

The horses are ready and Johnson will not lack for good advice about Chelten-ham. Ray Hawkey. his father-in-law, sent out Sunset Cristo to finish third in the Gold Cup (at 100-1) in 1982. However, long prices and successful gambles are not in the forefront of his mind as he heads for the

"I shall go for the glory. If one of mine finishes in the frame, my little percentage

Engaging in a hopeless pursuit of immortality

THE Welsh players of the Seventies, fortified with Phyllosan and snugly drowsed with Horlicks before bedtime, were recently midnight. If each passing season of Weish blunder and own golden immortality, Peter Yarranton, by saying the present England team would have beaten them, indicated what an insubstantial thing reputation is; airy and perishable.

The old boys might have coughed and spluttered and, had they been up to it, might even have cared to take up the challenge of my old ac-quaintance, the Middlesex

This England team, the argument runs, with its scientific approach and statistical analysis, its strict regimen of physical and psychological conditioning of exercise and diet, and all the other contemporary paraphernalia a modern athlete needs, would lay low the easy and looser comrades in arms of a more carefree era, although it did not seem anything like so blithely casual at the time.

But then, after all, as president of the Rugby Football Union. Yarranton would say the present England team would win, wouldn't he? But it is a fugitive argument, as elusive as chasing goblins in the dark. Let us consider.

On an overcast May afternoon in 1954 at Iffley Road, Oxford, Roger Bannister broke the four-minute barrier for the mile with a time of 3min 59.4sec. Across the distance of 31 years, after others at irregular intervals had shaved away at the mile record, Steve Cram, in Oslo in July 1985, established a world record at 3min 46.32sec. And so it stands. The relentless and heartless clock makes Cram unequivocally the faster runner by some hundred metres or so. But who is the greater athlete? Which run the more heroic?

Bannister trained three

from Exeter University, has

been brought into the side at

STEPLE PLANES

break, presumably from his pressing medical studies. Cram, in a new and different age and supported in his endeavours by the finances of a wished in any land of his desire, whenever and wher-ever the climate was most

Each in his fashion was a luminous talent, each a transcending achievement caught in time and place, and no better or worse for being

an icon among cricketers. But his vast bulk and long beard would none the less cut a strange and improbable figure nowadays at Lord's or under lights in Melbourne. Would he survive today?

Some modern youth, impatient with those who lament the passing of old things, might question, when seeing the heavy-duty boots and knee-length shorts, how on earth anyone could possibly be beguiled by a Matthews or a Finney at Wembley. Would their talent be exposed

These are interesting but unprofitable ideas, too futile to pursue other than in filling a careless hour or two in the four ale bar. The certainty of their greatness continues, borne aloft by being the best among their peers. That is all we need to know.



Bennett: different era

best, sport being changeable, is fixed in time and subject to a sentimental view. No one

Dewi Morris for Gareth Edwards? Rob Andrew for distinctly of their period.

Dr W. G. Grace remains

> I know where my warm allegiance lies. I know, as you can well imagine, what my preferences are. But then, I

For a brief time in the northern hemisphere, England have played everybody off the stage. They have caused a brilliant stir. If a little humourless, they are

uncompromising and are at the point of inspiration.

They have enchanted us for a while and gained unqualified admiration. It is as much as they, or anyone else from any generation, can hope for. They may now yearn for a more timeless and incomparable fame. It will elude them, as it has others. "Born of the sun," Spender wrote, they travelled a short while towards the sun. And left the vivid air signed with their honour." That is about it.

times a week when taking a

No. 8 against a Welsh team ENGLAND will attempt to including Luc Evans, capped build on the ground prepared as a replacement against by their university colleagues France last September, at full at Bristol on Wednesday eveback and Matthew McCarning when they play Wales in a student international at thy, whose precocious play at stand-off half, initially with Aberavon but latterly with Newbury today. In the universities match, the Welsh were beaten 30-13, but Eng-Neath, has attracted the attention of the Irish selectors. land Students must retrieve the drive lost on their last Wednesday's win, when England scored five tries all outing against the French. converted by Duncan Willett. Since that 22-9 deleat in earned the universities' the Ramonville, Craig Barrow,

beaten. England Students could yet match that: they have beaten Scotland and play Ireland next month before the squad for the student

☐ Widnes defend the Lancashire Cup in confident mood on Sunday after scoring five tries against Waterloo in the semi-finals. They play Vale of Lune in the final at Preston Grasshoppers with a side including at full back Les Whitfield, a member of the XV that played in the 1976 final.

of the absolute; simply to be, or to see, the best. And the performer of an age, a Marciano, can be compared with

Barry John or Phil Bennett? Jon Webb for J. P. R. Williams? Probyn, Moore and Leonard for the Pontypool front row? Richards or Rodber for Mervyn Davies? Dooley for Martin? Skinner and Winterbottom for any combi-nation of flankers from any of the Seventies grand slam sides. Carling for Dawes as

would, wouldn't I?

England, by fulfilling their promise, are already vested with greatness, not through any comparison with others of the past, but rather in the terms of their own talent and achievement. All that can be said, with any conviction, is that they have created their own irresistible momentum a new mood and expectation, and a new English way of believing. They have set the standards. Others know they must follow.

Students prepare for Welsh

By David Hands

world cup is finalised. "triple crown" since Scotland and Ireland had already been

partner, made a satisfactory return from injury at Strat-ford yesterday but considers he may be too ring-rusty to do the fourth favourite justice on "Steve rode out this morning and was perfectly all right," Tim Thomson Jones, myself.

Fidway's trainer, said. "But there just isn't enough time left to find out whether he is in top form. "Hywel's never ridden the horse before but he's riding

the big occasion.

him tomorrow and again in his pipe-opener on Sunday." Smith Eccles, already three times successful in the Champion Hurdle on See You Then, broke his left ankle in a fall at Lingfield on January 2.

The veteran jockey, who finished second on Light-Hearted Lady on his comeback ride yesterday, likened his situation to that of a footballer returning from injury. "He wouldn't play in a European Cup match without

having a game with the reserves first. It wouldn't be fair tions if anything went wrong.
I'd never be able to forgive

ENTRIES for the Derby and has steadily declined since Oaks fell again this year, lending support to Epsem's decision to change the system for 1993.

Derby entries are down by three to 115 while the Oaks has attracted only 98, a drop of seven.

Interest in the two classics yearling entry formula for the of the turf Flat season.

Nineteen stood their ground for the Champion at when outpacing Gran Alba under a masterly ride from yesterday's five-day stage. They are: Bank View, Chirk-Peter Scudamore at Wincanton. Davies, a polished and par, Fidway, Granville determined horseman, will make an ideal replacement for Smith Eccles

Fidway is currently a 7-1 chance with Ladbrokes and a point longer with Hills who

1989 when 169 were entered

Tim Neligan, managing di-rector of United Racecourses,

said yesterday: "This is further

decision to introduce the new

Again, Jungle Knife, Kribensis, Mardood, Minorettes Girl. Morley Street, Nomadic Way, Oh So Risky, Propero. Royal Derbi, Royal Gait, Rul-

100-30 Royal Gait, 7-2 Mor-

ley Street and 12-1 bar.

Derby and Oaks entries fall again

in the Derby and 151 in the last December with 634 Details of the entries for this year's Derby, which again has a guaranteed purse of £600,000, will be announced vindication of our board's on March 19, the opening day

which was so well supported

Valiant Boy and Winnie The

Unless the going, currently good, deteriorates, Nomadic Way and Ruling, second and third respectively behind Morley Street in the Champion Hurdle 12 months ago. are more likely to run in the BonusPrint Stayers' Hurdle. Ladbrokes vesterday opened a book on the season's top staying hurdle, for which there are 22 five-day acceptors, and make Trapper John 5-2 favourite. They then bet: 5-1 Crystal Spirit, Forest Sun,

6-1 Nomadic Way, 10-1 Ruling, [2-] bar. Deep Sensation is 7-2 favourite with Hills for the Arkle Trophy, which has 18 acceptors. Other prices: 9-2 Young Pokey, 13-2 Tinry-land, 8-1 Mass Appeal, 10-1 Valrodian, 12-1 bar.

Ladbrokes setback, page 19

RUGBY LEAGUE

Davies pulls out of British team

By Keith Macklin

LUCK turned against Jonathan Davies yesterday when the Widnes and Wales standoff half had to pull out of the Great Britain team to play France in the World Cup game at Hull tomorrow. Davies, who captained the

British side in the victory at Perpignan, suffered a calf injury in the championship game against Halifax last Sunday, and is one of several injuries which, according to the Great Britain team manager Maurice Lindsay. have "devastated" the training preparations.

In addition to Davies, Britain will be without Ian Lucas, Bernard Dwyer, Chris Rudd and Michael Jackson, as well as the long-term absentees, Ellery Hanley, Martin Offiah and Garry Schofield. There are two new caps in

Alan Hunte, the St Helens wing, and Allan Bateman, Warrington's Welsh centre. The absence of Davies and Schofield means that Darryl Powell, the Sheffield Eagles all-rounder, plays at stand-off half, partnering Shaun Edwards of Wigan, who returns to captain the side after missing the Perpignan game due to club commitments. Indeed, Wigan are well repre-sented. Their powerful forward, Andy Platt, is named as a substitute on his return from injury. There will be a third new cap if Steve McNamara, of Hull, comes off the replacements' bench.

Graham Steadman retains his full back position, and Lee Crooks is again at prop forward with the injury to Lucas. Edwards said yesterday: People are talking about us getting revenge for a Headingley defeat two years ago when I was captain, but the most important thing is for us to get World Cup points."

□ Trafford Borough may

have to postpone Sunday's third division home game with Whitehaven following the refusal of the Rugby League Council to sanction the playing of their last four home games at Blackpool
Mechanics football ground.
Struggling Borough have
parted company with Altrineham Football Club, and will move to Blackpool Arena next season as Blackpool Gladiators. The council rejected the request because Mechanics' ground has not been inspected by the league's safety and standards representatives.

SAMMAROS PEPTESENTATIVES:
GREAT BRITAIN: G Steedman (Castle-lord); P Eastwood (Hull, G Connolly (St. Halens), A Batternan (St. Halens), A Hunte (St. Halens), D Powell (Sheffleld Eagles), S Edwards (Wigen, capt); L Crooks (Castleford), M Dermott (Wigen), K Fallbank (Bradford Northern), L Holliday (Widnes), Substitutes: D Fox (Festiversione Rovers), S McNemara (Hull), J Devareux (Widnes), A Pistit (Wigen), FRANCE: P Limongi (Castaeconne); C Shrent (Saint-Gaudens), P Chemorin (Saint-Eateve), P Fages (Fis), C Ports (Saint-Eateve), P Fages (Fis), C Ports (Saint-Gaudens); Y Villond (Avignon), T Vallero (Lazignan), B Llong (Carcassonves), J Pech-(Limons), G Delpoch (Villeneuve), J Pech-(Limons), Substitutes: P Alleres (Toutse), P Torrelles (Pie), P Bornall (XII Catalan), P Marginet (Saint-Eateve).

TENNIS

Form points to Wilkinson By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

ON FORM, Chris Wilkinson should end today as the winner of the \$50,000 LTA Satellite circuit and with another 38 ATP ranking points safely stowed away. His opponent in the final at the David Lloyd the unknown Swede. Wilkinson's recent success

Club in Eastbourne is Johan Donar, a Swede ranked 500 who upset Jeremy Bates in a topsy-turvy semi-final yesterday, but who has lost to Wilkinson in all three legs of the circuit so far. It has been a long hard month for both Wilkinson

and Bates, but the former, who reached his third final with a 6-1, 7-6 win over the No. 3 seed, Brian Joelson, seems to have lasted the better. His only sign of the jitters came in the second set tiebreak which he finally took 8-

Having won the first set comfortably enough, Bates disintegrated in the second as the effects of playing 29 matches, singles and doubles, in 22 days began to take its toll and he finally ran out of steam. losing 1-6, 6-0, 6-4 to

has already brought its reward. Along with his coach, Jonathan Smith, he has been recruited by the Royal Berk-shire Club in the new singlesbased British national league, which will belatedly bring Britain in line with stronger European nations such as France and Germany. The league, which is due to

begin in 1993 with a premier division of 12 teams being fed by a host of regional and county leagues, has already attracted entries from nearly 1,000 teams, men and women, spread across 44 counties. The enthusiasm and immediacy of the re-sponse has delighted Ian Pea-

cock, chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association

"It's shown very clearly that clubs want to compete. The club league is the lifeblood of German tennis and it's very important that our own clubs have something to aspire to, something to stimulate competition so that they can raise their own profiles," he said.

The LTA is looking for a sunable sponsor and it will take time before it reaches the standards of prestige and professionalism of the German Bundesliga or even the French leagues. The top 12 clubs in this year's knockout Puma Cup will form the premier league for next year and there will be play-offs for promotion to all leagues in 1993 and automatic relegation.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: C Wilkinson (GB) bt B Josison (US), 6-1, 7-6, J Donar (Swe) bt J Bates (GB), 1-6, 6-0, 6-4.

England's coach is confident

AS DEFENDING champions. England will be hoping to stamp their authority on the home countries under-21 tournament in Dumfries this weekend when they open their programme against

Wales (Alix Ramsay writes). Their coach, Lynne Robinson, admits to being quietly confident and feels she has got the right balance of new caps and experienced players. will be fit to play, having recovered fully from a thigh strain. "Even though we haven't

beaten Wales when we should have done in the past, it's a good match to begin with before things get really tough against Ireland and Scotland," Robinson said.

A lot will depend on the performances of Carolyn Reid. Jo Green and Lucy The team captain, Sally Eyre. Youngs who will be asked to

provide a steadying influence. The crucial match takes place on Sunday, when England take on Scotland, who will be looking to Rhona Simpson to reproduce the goalscoring form she has shown recently in league games.

Simpson scored six for Heriot Watt against Aberdeen last week and Robinson knows that, on home ground, the Scots will be particularly difficult to beat.

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Sillars Stalker to defy penalty SENSO AND SEE

AT ONE stage, 1991 was to be Lynda Ramsden's last as a trainer.

To the delight of their many friends and admirers, though, she and her hus-band, Jack, had a change of heart, so much so that they now have a string of 49 at Breckenborough House, near

Thirsk, in Yorkshire. One of those is Sillars prove since winning a seller at Stalker, who is now my nap to win the Lilac Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Sandown today in the care of Jeremy Twomey, who won on him at he easily accounted for Pan-Doncaster II days ago after dessa, Rapid. Slane, also being aboard when he

MANDARIN

2.00 Coasting

2.35 Does It Matter. 3.05 The Argonaut.

3.40 Villa Recos.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

before enjoying a midwinter

A half-brother to Remittance Man, Sillars Stalker has done nothing but im-Uttoxeter last October after which he was bought in for only 5,000 guiness. beat toda Next time out at Hexham, penalty.

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BRIAN BEEL

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Valmont. 2.35 Lyphento. 3.05 The Argonaut

4.40 Sillars Stalker.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM BACK STRAIGHT (HURDLES)

BETTING: 11-4 Coasting, 100-30 Vicompt De Valmont, 9-2 Sailor Blue, 6-1 Not So Soon, 8-1 Royal Piper, 10-1 Sweet George, 12-1 others.

1991: RIVERSIDE BOY 8-11-4 P Scudemore (5-4 fav) M Pipe 17 ran

COASTING beat Dagaz 2½ti in 16-runner Ludlow (2m 51, good) novice hurdle. SAILOR BLUE 10½1 7th of 19 to Jesssu in Warwick (2m 51, good) hand-cap hurdle. Earlier head 2nd of 16 to Warmer For Winners in Chepstow (2m, sait) novice hurdle. VICOMPT DE VALMONT 16½1 5th of 11 to Scapin novice handlesp hurdle over course and distance (good) Beat Fighting Jessice 3 in 15-runner New-

201 543UP-P AMRULLAH 34 (B) (1 Thorn) J Bridger 12:11:3 G Moore 74
202 121:273 DOES IT MATTER 7 (BF,S) (S Morby) R Abshurst 7:11:3 J Oeborne 989
203 1/3135 LYPHENTO 6 (CD,BF,G,S) (Pel-mell Partners) J Gifford 8:11:3 D Murphy 90
204 S050P0 ESCRIBANA 11 (B,D,F) (80RC Owners Group) J Jenkins 7:10:12 R Durnwoody 205 054-320 QUEEN OF SPARTA 31 (Lady Heien Smith) Mrs F Wateryn 7:10:12 B de Hean 88

1991: LAUNDRYMAN 8-11-10 M Perrett (4-6 tev) S Mettor 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BETTING: 13-8 Lyphenio, 5-2 Does it Matter, 4-1 Queen Of Sparte, 8-1 Escribing, 10-1 Amrulish.

FORM FOCUS

4.10 Eton Konge. 4.40 SILLARS STALKER (nap). 4.10 Deer Crest.

(£2,687; 2m 5f 75yd) (13 runners)

/m or 19 to Jessel in Warver, (2m s, good) remo-cap hurdle. Earlier head 2nd of 16 to Warner For Winners in Chepstow (2m, soft) novice hurdle. VICOMPT DE VALMONT 161/15 th of 11 to Scale. VICOMPT DE VALMONT 161/15 th of 11 to Scale. VICOMPT DE VALMONT 161/15 th of 11 to Scale. VICOMPT DE VALMONT 161/15 th ovice hurdle over course and distance (good) Best Fighting Jessics 31 m 15-runner New-

(Amateurs: £4,713; 3m 118yd) (19 runners)

2.00 BEECH NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

2.35 MARCOL NOVICES CHASE (\$2,726: 2m 4f 68yd) (5 runners)

3.05 HORSE AND HOUND GRAND MILITARY GOLD CUP

(Amateurs: £4,713: 3m 118yd) (19 runners)

301 301PU CASTLE WARDEN 741 (CD,F,G,S) (Capt P Turner) J Edwards 15-12-7 Capt P Turner —

302 24120P—GOLDEN FRIEND 324 (D,F,G,S) (D Meade) M Meade 14-12-7 Mail M Watson 93

303 21232U SENATOR OF ROME 15 (D,F,G,S) (M McCall) G Baiching 9-12-7 Capt H Baker 84

304 4223P-4 CANFORD PALM: 22 (C.F,G,S) (M Cobram) M Felton 11-12-0 Capt C Ward Thomas 92

305 162UFF ITS ALL VERY PRIN SI (F,G,S) (The Royal Nueses (PWO)) T Forster 11-12-0 D Altimo-Harlory 76

306 F-Usifon MAITREDEE 8 (F,G,S) (Mail S Dudles Pennard) X first 11-12-0 Lagt O Bakers 89

307 181-545 THE ARGONALIT 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Queen Etzabeth) Mrs F Walwyn 14-12-0 Maj O Bakers 89

308 F-V-SOU UNDER OFFER 25 (B,CD,G,S) (Queen Etzabeth) Mrs F Walwyn 14-12-0 Maj O Bakers 99

309 4FR3-FP BOS TISDALL 14 (D,G,S) (R Optien) N Geselee 13-11-7 Capt A Optien 99

310 FS3-P45 BRIDGETOWN LAD 8 (C Scott) M Meade 11-11-7 Capt J Woodward 99

311 06-002F CHERRYHALL BEAUTY 29 (G) Son Loft H Device) K Balley 8-11-7 L-Coll A Westcott 88

312 6333-3 DICTATORSHIP 29 (Maj A Pean) Mrs N Langford 11-11-7 Capt Modeler 80

313 PyPURFO GLEN GEORGE 20 (F,G,S) (Brtg E J Webb-Curter) N Geselee 12-11-7 Capt A Kestett 91

314 PyPURFO GLEN GEORGE 20 (F,G,S) (Brtg E J Webb-Curter) N Geselee 12-11-7 Capt A Kestett 91

315 294F5 GUNNER STREAM 11 (S) (Mrs A Smo) R Holder 811-7 Capt A Kestett 91

316 2+25PPP (KRUGGERAN SMUGGER) (B,S,) (F Houter 10-11-7 Capt A Smith Marovell 91

319 0/ THE MIGHTY BISHOP 732 (C Sporborg) C Sporborg 9-11-7 S Sporborg 91

BETTING: 4-1 3enator Of Rome, 9-2 Cartold Palm, 6-1 Cherryhill Beauty, The Argonaut, 6-1 Fast Study,

MANDARIN

2.10 Fighting Jessica. 2.40 Strong Approach. 3.10 Rufus.

4.45 Black Spur. 5.15 Yabbadabbadoo.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES)

(Qualifier: £1,968: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

3.45 Sire Nantais

BETTING: 41 Senator Of Rome, 9-2 Canfold Palm, 6-1 Chernyhill Beauty, The Argonaut, 8-1 Fast Study, Golden Friend, 10-1 It's All Very Fine, 12-1 Bob Tactall, 14-1 others.

1991: BRUNTON PARK 13-11-7 Capt C Ward Thomas (10-1) J Jenkins 14 ran

RICHARD EVANS

2.10 MISTER
OPTIMISTIC (nap).
2.40 Strong Approach.
3.10 Rufus.

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THUNDERER

2.10 Rejoinus. 2.40 Sacre D'Or. 3.10 Rufus.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating, 4.45 BORKEN OWEN.

2.10 McEWANS LAGER TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE

BETTING: 3-1 Mr Ophmistic, 4-1 Buck Owans, 6-1 Fighting Jessics, 7-1 Man's Seet Friend, 8-1 Village Reindeer, 10-1 Rejoinus, 12-1 Trill Along, 14-1 Tartan Torracto, 16-1 others.

1991: NORTHANTS 5-11-4 K Doolen (6-1) W Storey 17 ran

3.45 Sire Nantais. 4.15 Timurs Double.

4.45 Boreen Owen. 5.15 Colour Cost.

3.40 VILLA RECOS

have won six races between them.

In the circumstances, Jack Ramsden, who knows the form book inside out, could not have complained when Sillars Stalker was given a rating of only 74 before his recent race at Doncaster.

Backed down to 13-8 from 9-4, Sillars Stalker duly justified his connections confidence and he will be hard to beat today, even with a 4lb

Alton Bay, in the form that enabled him to win by 12 lengths at Plumpton in Nov-

Tanfirion Bay, who is at the same course nine days

With the going fast, The tance victory of two years ago in the Horse & Hound Grand ous runs, looks the danger. he will be ridden by the experienced Gerald Oxley. Recently, they limbered up for the occasion with a commendable third under top weight in a handicap won by Deadline at Fakenham.

to Sillars Stalker than Handicap Hurdle can go to Villa Recos, whose only run penalised for winning a seller this season, in the Newbury race won by his better-fancied stable companion. Cokenny Boy, held out plenty of prom-Argonaut has a fine chance of ise. Nickle Joe, who finished a repeating his course and dis-tance victory of two years ago that day, but after two previthat day, but after two previ-

Military Gold Cup, in which At Carlisle, the Edinburgh Woollen Mill Novices' Chase, can go to Strong Approach. who stayed on strongly to thwart horses of the calibre of Houghton and Gale Again in a similar race at Newcastle

FORM FOCUS

GOLDEN FRIEND #4 2nd of 14 to Bruston Park in this race lest term (good to soil) with BOB TISDALL (14th batter off) -48 3rd, DECTATORSHIP 50 6th 1714 E. ARGONAUT 13 and of 15 to 15

3.40 BALVENIE MALT WHISKY HANDICAP HURDLE

BETTING: 9-4 Villa Recos, 7-2 Neckie Joe, 4-1 Yellow Spring, 6-1 Dark Honey, 8-1 See Buck, 10-1 Badra 12-1 On His Own.

hurdie. SEA BUCK 18%4 5th of 11 to Everation in Newbury | Selection: DARK HONEY

BADRAKHANI 11i 7th of 13 to Rodeo Star in Kempton (2m, good) handicap hurdle. YELLOW SPRING 8l 3rd of 4 to Jan-Re in Lingslett (AW, 2m 4f) handicap hurdle. NCKLE 3DE 109:15th of 11 to Cokenny 80y in Newbury (2m 4f 100yd, good) handicap hurdle. NCKLE 3DE 109:15th of 11 to Cokenny 80y in Newbury (2m 4f 100yd, good) handicap hurdle with VILLA RECOS (18b worse off) 88 th.

4.10 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE

1991: PRINCE NEPAL 7-11-11 G Oxley (2-1 fav) R Chempion 10 ran FORM FOCUS

BURNSWARK, recent point-to-point winner, beat Dickino (if in 15-runner Cartinel (3m 1f, firm) maiden hunter chese last season. DEER CREST beat Dicky Time 2I at Higham (good to firm). Smart point-to-pointer, ETON ROUGE 27/81 4th of 7 to Hotplate in Uttoweter (3m 2f, good) amateur riders' handicap

4.40 LILAC NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: \$2,819: 2m) (6 runners)

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

Di STEFANO 14/5th of 9 to Hashar in Kampton (2m, 1900) to farm) novice hurdle. SILLARS STALRER in participation (2m, 1900) to farm) novice hurdle. SILLARS STALRER in participation (2m, 1900) to farm) novice hurdle at LTON BAY best Across The Card 12/s is flurinar Plumpton (2m, 1900) to soft) novice hurdle. THUHOOL 18/15th to Mister Major in Wincarton (2m, 1900) to soft) novice hurdle. THUHOOL 18/15th to Mister Major in Wincarton (2m, 1900) to soft) novice hurdle. SElection: SILLARS STALKER (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS Winners Runners Per cent **JOCKEYS** TRAINERS Rades Percen R Holder D Grissell K Balley Mrs J Pluman D Nicholson N Handerson

3.45 GONE AWAY CLAIMING CHASE (£1,940: 2m) (13 runners)

BETTING: 11-10 Sire Nantaia, 7-2 Lightwater Again, 5-1 Dontpushme, 8-1 Magwood, 10-1 Mister Moody, 12-1 Incense, 14-1 others.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.15 TALLY HO CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,660: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners) Long handicap: Justice Les 9-7, Grey Mertin 9-8, Boy Painter 9-5, Zarbano 9-3, Kantant 9-0, Daley Bree 8-9. BETTING: 84 Babytord, 7-2 Soldiers Duty, 5-1 Timurs Double, 7-1 Olympic Challenger, 8-1 Grey Merlin, 12-1 Zarbano, 16-1 others.

4.45 FORARD ON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,374: 3m 2f) (12 runners)

Long handicap: Brandy Hambro 9-10, Combi Flow 9-8.

(£825: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

TRAINERS

R Armytage
J Edwards
D McCain
M Hammond
G Richards
J J O'Neil

5.15 GONE TO GROUND NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

BETTING: 3-1 Borsen Owen, 7-2 River Bounty, 9-2 Black Spur, 6-1 Withy Bank, 7-1 High Edge Grey, 8-1 Marcalline, 14-1 The Antartex, 20-1 others.

1991: RADICAL LADY 7-11-1 M Dwyer (3-1) G Moore 10 ran

DF DO A RUNNER 291 (Mrs J Love) J Love 5-11-5 Dr S Love
KONVERTA CONTROL. (Konvekta Len J J O'Neil 5-11-8 A Debpis (7)
PROCTORS ROW (J Thompson) D McCain 5-11-8 Mr D McCain (xr (7)
TERRACOTTA WARRIOR (Mrs J Kirdey) P Liddle 5-11-8 F Murtagh (5)
0 YABBADABBADOO 51 (A Parker) J Edwards 6-11-8 Mr R Davis (7)
24 COLCUR COST 21 (D Sits) M Hammond 4-11-0 Mr S Lyons (7)
0 SOUND PROFIT 41 (W Young) W Young 4-10-8 R Hodge (5)

BETTING: 2-1 Colour Cost, 5-2 Yabbadabbedoo, 9-2 Konvekta Control, 11-2 Proctors Row, 12-1 Sound Prefit, 20-1 Do A Runner, Terracotte Warrior.

1991: HAZLEWOOD GLEN 5-11-8 W Fry (13-8 faw) T Tate 14 ran **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

50.0 Mr S Lyons 32.0 D Bentley 24.3 N Doughty 24.2 N Williamson 19.6 P Niven 14.6 G Bradley

Winners Runners Persent JOCKEYS

2.40 EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL NOVICES CHASE (£5,758: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

(25,758: 2m 4f) (10 funners)

1 0-18221 BACRE D'OR 11 (D.6.5) (5 Adams) J Mackle 7-11-7 SJ O'Nels 95

2 0-46U27 ABERCROMBY CHIEF 14 (Abercremby Corporation) K Oliver 7-11-3 T Reed 79

3 F2313P KAMBALDA RAMBLER 2f (CD.5) (Mrs J Dudgeon) C Parker 8-11-3 B Storey 4 4/11-524 MACHO MAN 14 (G.5) (6 Wilson) J J O'Nell 7-11-3 M Dwyrer 7/

4 381013 MERRY MASTER 14 (CD.8F.F.6.5) (G Lansbury) R Armytage 8-11-3 Gea Armytage 93

6 0/42-545 REVILLER'S GLORY 14 (Mrs M Beaumont) P Beaumont 8-11-3 P A Farrel 7 62U321 STRONG APPROACH 20 (D.G) (Mrs R Cert) J Charlion 7-11-3 P Niven 92

9 PIUPS1 WHAAT FETTLE 9 (G) (Edisburgh Woolten Mill Ltd) G Richards 7-11-3 M Moloney 9 28/15PF WILD ATLANTIC 362 (G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 9-11-3 J Cadinghan 10 267-478 KILLULA KING 11 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-10-8 C Grant 91

10 267-478 KILLULA KING 11 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-10-8 C CRant 91

10 267-478 KILLULA KING 11 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-10-8 C CRant 91 BETTING: 5-2 Sacre D'Or. 3-1 Merry Mester, 9-2 Wheat Fettle, 6-1 Strong Approach, 7-1 Kitule King, 8-1

1991: JESTERS PROSPECT 7-11-3 N Doughty (9-4 tav) G Richards 8 ran

3.10 VIEW HOLLO NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,235: 3m 100yd) (11 runners) N Doughty 98 T Reed 52 W Fry (7) 70 Mr A Parker (7) — — R Supple 89 — C Grant — — N Williamson @ 99 Mr P Gee Mrs M Kendel —
C Healths —
B Storey — SETTING: 45 Rufus, 5-2 The Shade Matcher, 10-1 May-Day-Baby, 12-1 Bruce's Centie, 14-1 Baseo Prefundo, 20-1 others.

1991: PORTAVOGIE 7-11-5 B Storey (6-1) C Parker 12 ran

MARKET RASEN

2.20 Old Peg. 2.50 Beauchamp Fizz. 3.20 Lady Token. 3.55 Proverbial Luck. 4.25 Elegant Stranger. 4.55 Ringmore. 5.25 Secret Castle.

2.20 Old Peg. 2.50 Beauchamp Fizz. 3.20 Lady Token. 3.55 Lord Purna. 4.25 Signor Sassie. 4.55 Tresidder. 5.25 Secret Castle. Brian Beel: 3.55 Lord Purna.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN STRAIGHT)

2.20 CRANWELL SELLING HURDLE (£1,418: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

15-8 Old Pag. 3-1 # Bambano. 4-1 Alle-Roy, 6-1 Stene Street. 10-1 Loxley Range, 16-1 Raw Talent, 25-1 Bracken Bay

2.50 SCAMPTON MAIDEN CLAIMING **HURDLE** (£1,616: 2m 1f) (9)

1 6-40 PONENTINO 127 G Keby 6-11-9. Mr S Brisby (7) 2 36-R CHRONOLOGICAL 21F (V) M Tompkins 6-11-7 R Campbell 3 322F BEAUCHAMP FIZZ 10 (BF) M Pipe 4-11-4
P Scudamore
4 0000 ANOTHER MARCH 15 (B) J Birkert 6-11-3
5 60P5 SDXASH STAR 18 P Hain 6-11-2
S Davies (3)
7 0023 ELVETT BRIDGE 13 D Franks 4-11-0.
P PRIGTINA 6 J Bradey 6-10-12
P SRIGTINA 6 J Bradey 6-10-12
D Tegg
9 5045 MAIDEN OF BRON 6 (B) J McConnoches 4-10-12
Wyer

3.20 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,547: 3m) (11)

1 P132 MASTER CORNET 13 (CD.G) B Rothwell 7-11-3 2 SPO- BEARINA NA GAOITHE 357 (F) M Tompluns 10-10-10 2 SPD BEARMA RT GEOMETRIC R Campbell
3 FUP9 DARTINGTON BLAKE 11 J Dooler 8-10-10
W Worthington
4 -PSF FOXY SCY 11 J Legit 9-10-10... R Marley
5 4P JOLLY JUNIOR 9 R Tale 9-10-10... Mrs F Needham
6 FISS PRECIOUS MEMORIES 11 (8.G) J Legit 7-10-10
C Dennis (3)

7 FSFP R N COMMANDER 17 C Smith 6-10-10 ______ 8 6220 THIS METTLE DANGER 10 O Brennan 8-10-10

9 4364 APRIL'S BABY 23 Mass C Caroe B-10-5 Mr J Beardsall 10 5000 CNOC AN ORR 11 (D.3) C Broad B-10-5 Marrin Jones 11 -322 LADY TOKEN 126 (F) H Gil 8-10-5.... Mrs A Farrell 11-4 Master Cornet, 4-1 Precious Memories, 5-1 Lady Token, 6-1 This Nettle Danger, 8-1 April's Baby, 10-1 others

2.30 Cellito. 3.00 Pop To Stans. 3.30 Super Benz

4.00 Horizon, 4.30 Persuasins, 5.00 Cool Enough.

2.30 Ingenuity. 3.00 Eastleigh. 3.30 Meeson Times. 4.00 Horizon. 4.30 Qualitair Rhythm. 5.00 Quinzii

2.30 RUFFORD MAIDEN APPRENTICE

3.00 SKEGBY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O:

7-4 Pop To Stans, 7-2 Patricien Magician, 4-1 Eastleigh, 5-1 Lord Naskra, 8-1 Monti Beppo, 12-1 others.

3.30 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY

1 01-6 SUPER BENZ 41 (CD,F,G,S) T Fairhurat 6-10-0

2 0-04 TIGANI 22 (B.D.F.S) D Chapman 69-11. S Wood 3 3 100- ASTEROX 155 (V.D.F.) Bradley 499...... J Williams 6 4 1215 MEESON TIMES 29 (C.D.F.S) B Elseon 48-12

4 TOTO MILESON FIMES 20 (L.D.J., 25) H EBBOOK 4-5-12
M Hillia 4
5 -150 SUPER HEIGHTS 41 (B,CD,F) Miss A Whitfield
4-6-5 Date Gloson 1
6 0-06 FACTUELLE 14 (F,Q,S) D R Tucker 5-7-8 G Bardwell 5

9-4 Moseon Times, 3-1 Super Benz, 7-2 Asteria, 9-2 Super Heights, 8-1 Tigent, 18-1 Factuals.

HANDICAP (£2,069: 6f) (6)

1 2114 POP TO STANS 14 (CD,BF,F) T Barron 97

STAKES (£2,343: 6f) (11 runners)

THUNDERER

GOING: STANDARD

3.55 BEAUMONTCOTE HUNTER CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,576: 3m) (7) 1 3-06 PROVERBIAL LUCK 13 (D.F) Mas C Saunders 8-12-5 J Greenall C 1P/3 LORD PURNA 9 (8F.F) M Somersby 10 12 0

54 Lord Pures, 94 Bangemins, 51 Ebony Spring, 61 Proverbul Luck, 81 Wages Of Sn., 141 Patiley Park, 251 Pations Borows

4.25 CONINGSBY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,040: 2m 6f) (10)

1 2514 THREEOUTOFFOUR 14 (CD.G.S) O Breman 7-12-0 M Brennan 2 4000 ELECTRIC STRANGER 13 IF G.SI M Tompkin; 7-11 R 2 43F2 ELEGANT STRANGER 13 (F.G.S) M Tompkers 7 11 R P Smith Excess (7) 3 F-80 COUTURE STOCKINGS 27 (D.F.G.) J Mackie 8 10-13

3 F-90 COUTURE STOCKINGS 27 (D.F.G.) J Macket 8 10-13
L Wyer
4 3440 HARD TO HOLD 31 (F.G.S) D Esden 9109 Mr A Hambly
5 0453 MR TAYLOR 11 (F) H Collegady 2 104
V Smith
6 1614 SGNOR 9ASSE 29 (G.S.) I finite 4 102
P Scuzarore
7 3153 WHAT IF 29 (C.F.G.) O Eremen 8 100
Helen Brennan
8 0300 LOBERS 23 (B.F.G.) J Jerians - 100
USB 100
0 SP NO CREDIBILITY 29 (C.G.) 8 Fibration 3 10 100
W Wantargton
10 PPP- SKIDDY LAD 957 (S.S. Smith 10-100)

10 PPP- SKIDDY LAD 357 (S) S Smith 10-10-0 3-1 Elegant Stranger 7.2 Threobutoffour 9-2 Mi Taylor 6-1 Sig-nor Sessie, 7-1 What II, 10-1 Hard To Hold, 12-1 others

4.55 WADDINGTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,623: 2m 1f) (4)

1 P-OP WOLFHANGAR 113 (D.F.G.S) Mrs C Caroe 10 12 0 S Wyrme 2 2241 TRESIDDER 15 (CD.F.G.S) M W Easterby 10-11 12 2 3241 INCOMPRET 15 (CO.BF,F,G,S) J Parket 10-10-13 N Smith N am 4 -6F3 ENSHARP 13 J Leigh 6 10 0 5-6 Tresidder, 2-1 Ringmore, 9-2 Ensharp, 16-1 Wolfhangar

5.25 TOFT NEWTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,422: 1m 6f) (9)

POOROWD BILL J Baldene 6 11-6 S Harms (7)
0 INITIAL JAY 91 G Kelly 5-11 Mr S Brisby (7)
0 DAN LAUR 11 J McConroche 4-11 0 FINAL MEASURE Mr S Parker 4 11 0 W Duran (7)
3 LASCAR 20 G Thomer 4-11-0 D Bridgwater (3)
04 MAN AMONG MEN 24 J Bradey 4-11 0 Mr G Lewis (7)
RASEAMILLION 41 K Burke 4-11 0 R Beltamy
REACH FOR THE MOON R Whicher 4-11 0 Mr S Swees

Nr S Swers

9 4 SECRET CASTLE 15 M H Extents → 110 L Multaney (7) 94 Lascar, 3-1 Secret Castle, 5-1 Man Among Men. 6-1 Raisea hillion, 8-1 Dan Laur. 10-) Poorowd Bill, 14-1 offiors

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipo, 17 winners from 48 runners, 25 4%. N Tunklor, 24 from 74, 32 4%. M W Easterby, 17 from 67. 25 4%. M Tompkins, 3 hom 14, 21 4%. M H Easterby, 13 from 62, 21 0%, O Brennan, 13 from 99. 13.1% JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 11 winners from 23 rides 47 8% M Bowlov, W Dwan 3 from 15, 20 0% Mr S Swiers 4 from 21, 19 0% Mr A Faired, 3 from 16 18 8°, R Campbell 3 from 17, 17 6% M Brennan, 19 from 126, 15 1%

4.00 MILTON HANDICAP (£2,226: 1m 4f) (7)

1 4-42 ARMY OF STARS 14 (D.F.G.S) C Brittein 7-9-13
2 3123 LE TEMERAIRE 9 (C.D.F.) N Tinkler 6-9-4 Kim Tinkler 5
3 06-1 MORIZON 14 (B.C.D.F.G) T Thomson Jones 4-9-3
4 5653 PIMS CLASSIC 14 W Hagges 4-8-1
5 639 Reddford-Howes (7) 7
5 /321 UNPARD MEMBER 7 (C.D.S) J Wharton 6-9-1 (Sex) J Fanning (3) 4
6 436- BROOM ISLE 128J (F) Mrs A Knight 4-7-7
F Norton (5) 2

7 1044 MISSISSIPPI BEAT 8 (V,D) M Naughton 57-7 C Hawksley (7) 6

4.30 TUXFORD MAIDEN STAKES (£2,206: 1m) (10)

9-4 Persussius, 3-1 Restless Nece, 4-1 Qualitar Rhythm, 6-1 Oka Flow, 7-1 Danzig Lad, 10-1 Kay's Dilamma, 12-1 others

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1 1108 DOULAB'S MAGE 37 (CD) J Glover 5-10-0 S D Williams (7) 9 2 0-10 FOOLISH TOUCH 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) W Musson 10-98 P Bowe (7) 10 3 0-00 ARMATTI 14 (D,F,G) D R Tucker 4-95.... G Berdweil 3 4 2313 GUINZII MARTIN 21 (V) D Haydn Jones 4-8-10 5 4105 STRIP CARTOON 14 (B,C) 5 Bowing 48.7

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4.30 (3m 1/1 ch) 1, WELLINGTON BROWN (Mr M Batters, 6-4 fsv); 2, Double Silk (Mr R Tratoggen, 6-1); 3. Batlyaden (Mr P Schofield, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Connate (8th), 10 Roving Seel (5th), 14 Impy Conder (pu), 16 Dawn Prace (pu), 20 Basch Grove (pu), 25 Strong Bond (pu), Last Extravaganca (4th), 28 Batlyneety (pu), 5 Sterry Mesatow (pu), 68 Betty's Pearl, Corston Led (pu), Dewn Sega (pu), 15 rsn. NR: MBDM. 1 Vel. 301. 101, 3 fel. Mrs H Trigg at 8 Southampton. Totat: 92-70, £1.70, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £10.40. CSF: £11.01.

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Tomorrow The Times presents the chance to win huxury visits to the Martell Grand National at Aintree on April 4.

Omerta set to return OMERTA, last year's Irish National winner, returns to action at the Cheltenham festival in either the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup on Tuesday or the Ritz Club National Hunt Handi-

cap Chase on Thursday. Adrian Maguire, who partnered Omeria to victory in the Kim Muir and the Irish National last year, will again be in the saddle if the horse runs in the Ritz However. Stan Murphy, who has been riding with success in Irish point-to-points, is likely to ride if Omerta runs in the amateur riders' race

Point-to-point results



Richards relieved to retire unhurt

BY SIMON BARNES

dd how the world changes. Imagine, a few years ago, hav-ing a beer with Viv Richards, talking — laughing — about South Africa's chance of beating West Indies in oneday cricket. And Viv all mellow and giggling and shak-ing his head and saying. I never thought it would happen in my time.'

Everything is changing. but there is none so change able as Vivian, a man famous for great rages, but a man equally capable of great mellowness. "Older and mellower," he said. "Wiser,

If ever cricket had a colossus, it was he. Now preparwith, of all teams, Glamorgan, while the World Cup continues without him a world away, Richards was in this country for a couple of days to promote a video*, buy a new pair of boots, have a beer. You could not wish for easier company. Can this really be the man who shouted down the Antigua press-

There is the very faintest air of relief about him. He seems happy to be facing the gentler challenge of Glamorgan, after the mad intensity of all those years of international cricket. And he stresses how glad he was that his last Test series - in England last summer — was so tranquil: "Cricket as it ought to be played. It would have been nice to win 5-0 but opponents who are beat-en 5-0 are often not too pleased. I positively feel it was nice to have that

Richards is in a period of transition now, halfway between being the world's leading cricketer and living the rest of his life: "I did make myself available for the World Cup, I wanted to play, though not to be captain. I thought maybe I could put together some ones and twos, maybe even

"But they thought different. And no, I won't be playing against South Africa when they play us in the Test match in Barbados. It is a prestigious sort of occasion, but the important thing for West Indies cricket is to rebuild. Everyone is curious to see South África.

"The problems in South Africa still exist. I just hope the hardliners in South Afri-



Facing the future with a smile: as his cricket career reaches an end. Richards is looking forward to spending more time at home

their international teams in cricket and soccer and what-ever, participating and mixing with all different groups and races all over the world, and that this will help with the speedy dismantling of apartheid."

asked if he fancied taking on South Africa with his all-powerful team of the Eighties, and his face lit up like a fruit machine. That would have been wonderful! I would have relished

But now, instead. I have these two years left with Glamorgan. After that, I will retire. I know I shall miss cricket. But I must gradually unwind. Now I look forward to spending much more time at home."

Richards is relishing the hiatus: genuinely touched by the warmth he feels from everyone at Glamorgan,

contemplating his turbulent past as batsman-destroyer and captain-volcano, and his likely future in a world more turbulent than anything even cricket can come

That is, of course, Caribbean politics. "People say a batsman as good as me should have scored more runs, but what was more important to me was the people who came around and the chances you have given the people. I enjoyed what I did for the people."
The people. Talk politics with Viv, and he talks only of

The People: "If the people are crying out for me, then I want to represent them, because of my firm beliefs.
"The problem in Antigua is corruption, and we need some respectability. Everyone is like a relay runner,

with his hand stretched out.

You fill his hand and he's

gone. You find it all the time

in Third World governments. Everyone says, 'we will change it,' and they get in and everything continues the same as before.

"I would like to turn that around. To say to the Caribbean people, 'you can have faith in me.' I want to prove to the Caribbean people that things can be run honestly and well. Too many people are in office for the benefits of office. I want those benefits too — I want to benefit The People."

oes this make him a socialist? "I see myself as a guy who honestly cares about the welfare of the people. What do you think - does that put me in the category of being a

Clearly, Richards has what it takes to be a conviction politician. As a diplo-mat, his record is sporty, to say the very least. His love of confrontation has always been his weakness as well as his strength: but this has been true of many a British politician. Margaret That-

Richards has a similar sense of the inextricability personal and national vition, though his belief is for, rather than against, federation. "Cricket alone enables us to unite the people of the Caribbean. Cricket has done what we should have done officially a long time ago. East Ger-many has reunited with the West; Europe is moving closer together: why can we not do this in the

cher to name but one.

Caribbean? Richards is not going to be a nimble-footed type of ditician. He has dropped bricks already, notably alienating Caribbean people with Indian, rather than African, roots. But with the batsman you saw, inevitably, the man: unflinching prone to the occasional spectacular error, sometimes losing sight of the main goal in pursuit of a smaller vendetta, but domi-

nated, above all, by a sense

of destiny: personal destiny. yes, but also something beyond that Richards has always seen himself as a representative: of country, of region and of race. In short, The People. He has always found the greatest strength in this wider sense of self. His country, his region and his

tion in what he has done. Now onwards. To, per-haps, the presidential resi-dence in St John's, Antigua but, naturally, via Cardiff. Still a little cricket left.

Viv Richards: Hitting Across the Line (Chrysalis Home Video, 60min;

race — many people — have

found strength and inspira-

West Indies lack discipline

Pringle collects four top-order scalps in 11 balls

IT WAS almost as though the West Indians went out of their way in the World Cup here yesterday to make the South Africans feel at ease. This first match ever played between the two was won by South Africa by 64 runs, the West Indians giving one of their more slapdash performances. Unless I am much mistaken, the West Indians are missing Vivian Richards

Although 14,641 people turned up to watch, it was an oddly low-key affair. Both captains made the point that their sides were focusing strictly on the cricket. There were no political trappings.

The match itself was no different from any other, except that it began with Ali Bacher, who has done more than anyone to bring South Africa's cricketing isolation to an end, being on hand, after the toss, to have a cordial exchange with Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain. "I've been playing cricket for a good many years with South Africans now," Richardson said, "without meeting one I didn't like. I hope it stays that way." And so say all of us.

There was some fairly ordinary cricket played. In reaching 200 for eight off their 50 overs, after being put in on a morning that promised well for bowlers, the South Africans kept getting themselves into a promising position. only for a wicket to fall.

Six of them reached the twenties, but only Kirsten went any further, and he did it with a runner after slightly straining a calf muscle. He is so much South Africa's best batsman at the moment that there is no one they could less afford to lose.

The West Indian ground fielding was as untidy as it can have been for a long time. But they held some good catches. Lara's at backward cover, diving to his left for a hard slash by Hudson, was a brilliant effort, and he and Haynes both held on to awkwardly steep skiers.

Benjamin and Cummins

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C L Hooper c Wessels b Pringle —
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A L Logie c Pringle b Kulper —
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D Williams c Richardson b Snell —
C E L Ambrose run out —
A C Cummins c McMillan b Donald —
W K M Benjamin not out —

Total (38.4 overs) 136 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-19, 3-19, 4-19, 5-70, 8-70, 7-116, 8-117, 9-132. 5-fd, 6-fd, 7-ffe, 6-fff, 7-ffe, 13-ff, 7-ffe, 13-ff, 7-ffe, 13-ff, 7-ffe, 13-ff, 7-ffe, 13-ff, 7-ffe, 7-ff

are not to be compared with any of the great West Indian fast bowlers of recent years, and it does not come naturally to Ambrose to have to pitch the ball up, as he must in one day cricket.

Before the World Cup started, South Africa felt they should beat New Zealand and Sri Lanka, but that they might struggle against Australia and West Indies. If their first three matches had gone against such expectations, it seemed unlikely that this one would when West Indies went in needing to score at only four runs an over to win and Lara soon thumped Pringle twice to the

cover boundary. But this was to be Pringle's day. He was a little lucky to be playing at all; having taken no wicket for 52 against Australia in his only previous match in the competition. Also, he must still have been wondering how to recover the quite substantial sum of monev the management had advanced him to ring up his girlfriend, but which he had dropped down the hotel lift

He is, I am assured, some what accident-prone, and the omens were, to say the least, the ball up and seaming it around, he removed Lara, Richardson, Hooper and Arthurton in 11 balls.

In the ordinary way, it is when West Indies bowl that a pitch looks suddenly to have got mysteriously faster and more difficult. This time, the reverse was the case.

Where the West Indians had hardly moved the ball about at all, the South Africans swung it all over the place. The pitch, what is more, seemed to have quickened up, and so, as the adrenalin began to flow, did Pringle.

While 25 balls were being bowled, West Indies went from 19 for one to 19 for four, an astonishing passage of play. Rhodes held a marvel-lous catch down by his feet at cover point to get rid of Lara. Wessels held two at slip, and McMillan a very good one alongside him.

Haynes had to retire for a while after being hit more than once on the finger, and only Logie attacked the bowling as though to master it.

West Indies may not be much of a side these days -they have now won only eight of their last 29 one-day inter-nationals — but let nothing detract from such a South African achievement

Greatbatch ready to keep wicket

Auckland: Ian Smith, the New Zealand wicketkeeper. may miss the World Cup maich against West Indies in Auckland tomorrow. He dislocated the little finger of his left hand against Zimbabwe on Monday and was unable to play an active role at yester-

day's team practice. Mark Greatbatch, who has limited experience of keeping wicket, will probably deputise if Smith is ruled out. But Martin Crowe, the New Zealand captain, said he would wait until just before the game before making a decision on Smith's fitness.

New Zealand, who head the World Cup table by a point, will be strengthened by the return of John Wright to open the innings. He showed no signs of his recent shoulder injury while batting at the



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in their eight-wicket victory over Australia in Sydney yesterday drew high praise from Ted Dexter, the chairman of the England selectors.

The performance in Melbourne when we beat West Indies was the best I'd seen from us but, if anything, yesterday's effort was a touch higher still, and this was a

"It is very exciting, particu-larly when you think back to what was happening 12 months ago. I'm thrilled to

see players we have kept faith with and others that we have brought along turn in topclass performances.

"The first half of the qualifying programme looked like the hard part and we have come through that with flying colours. But I'm sure there won't be any relaxing now."

lia captain, between bat and pad, said, tongue in cheek: "Allan got a good ball, he was unlucky. Then they started

playing to my field — that's

Ian Botham, who started Australia's decline by bowling Allan Border, the Austrathe way it goes in one-day cricket." Botham won the man-of-the-match award by taking four wickets in seven balls, and following up with a typically hard-hit 53 off 79

Together with Graham Gooch, the captain, Botham put on 107 for the first wicket in 24 overs, and by the end, Australia looked thoroughly bedraggled as England won with nine overs to spare to reinforce their position as

Injury blow for Hussain

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN ST GEORGE'S, GRENADA

serious injury setback when Nasser Hussain suffered a next two weeks. "It would hairline fracture of his right index finger as he batted in the win against Barbados on Wednesday. At the earliest, Hussain will not play again before the second unofficial Test match starts in St Vincent on March 21.

No replacement is being sought but Stephen Coverdale, the tour manager, is contacting both the Test and County Cricket Board in London and England team officials in Australia to ask for an emergency replacement to be put on stand-by. One pos-sibility could be to utilise someone in the MCC party

touring the Leeward Islands. Alan Fordham, of Northamptonshire, or Graham Cowdrey, of Kent, would be obvious candidates in the MCC team should England A have any further injuries

ENGLAND A had another during the hectic programme cricketer. Two years ago on they will undertake in the England's senior tour to the Caribbean he fractured his left wrist playing tennis in certainly be something of a crisis if anyone else was nurt England start a three-day among the batsmen," Covergame here today with the Windward Islands, who findale said. Keith Fletcher, the team

manager, said Hussain was a vital cog for England, as much for his fielding as for his batting. Martyn Moxon. who fractured his left thumb in Bermuda, and Hussain had been the team's specialist catchers at first and second slip. "This badly affects our fielding," Fletcher said. Hussain will have a second

x-ray when the team reaches Trinidad next week to see how quickly his finger is healing. Should Hussain be unable to play in the second Test match, only the third Test in Barbados from March 28 to 31 remains on the tour itinerary.

Hussain is an unlucky

Morris, the captain, and Pick could both be available after injury but the side will not be finalised until shortly before the start. BARBADOS: 171 for 9 (50 overs: P A ENGLAND'A

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the credit to his fiancee. "She

arrived this week and has helped to relax me." he said.

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Liverpool depend on FA Cup

WHILE Liverpool may be able to cheer themselves — or is it kid themselves? — with the thought that Ian Rush and John Barnes may recover from injury in time to help overturn a two-goal deficit in their Uefa Cup quarter-final, the success or otherwise of their season, realistically, is now dependent on getting past Aston Villa in their FA

Cup quarter-final on Sunday. Liverpool will be grateful for the home comforts of Anfield after the largely hospitable but nerve-racking welcome given them by 40,000 passionate Genoa supporters in their marvellously-intimidating Luigi Ferraris stadium on Wednesday. Liverpool will be indebted also to the BBC for making their FA Cup-tie their feature match, thereby affording them an extra day's

The younger Liverpool players are more likely to be feeling drained by the mental demands than by their physical exertions. It is, as they say, all part of the growing-up process, but some of Liverpool's young men are being asked to not so much run but sprint before they can walk -Rob Jones, who became the 22nd player to be used by Liverpool in European competition this season, is a prime example.

Not only has he been capped by England in the same season in which he has been required to negotiate the hugely-difficult transforma-tion from fourth division to first, but his first taste of international experience has come before he had even said as much as how do you do to foreign competition at club

Liverpool, of course, have had no option but to throw the likes of Jones, McMana-

man, Marsh and Redknapp into the deep end. Indeed, it is astonishing to think that McManaman and Marsh are the only Liverpool players to have played in all seven European ties this season. What effect all of this will have on their future development only time will tell.

The match in Genoa only underlined how desperately Liverpool miss the attacking verve of Barnes and Rush While Saunders's uninhibited running may have spread panic in the Finnish and Austrian defences they met in the previous rounds, which did abroad, similar antics here merely played into the hands of a more-densely populated and altogether more knowing

With McManaman a little verawed by it all and Walters failing to assert himself before succumbing to a recurrence of hamstring trouble — just to compound further Liverpool's injury problems — it was difficult to see from where a useful Liverpool away goal might come.

Barring the immediate return of Rush and Barnes to their best, it is asking a lot of this Liverpool to score three goals against an albeit unexceptional Italian side, never mind doing so without reply. ☐ Roy Wegerle yesterday be-came the latest player to join Blackburn Rovers's increasingly powerful second division promotion hopefuls. The Queen's Park Rangers South African-born forward moved north for £1 million to replace Mike Newell, who has been sidelined by a broken leg.

The signing of Wegerle, aged 27, takes Blackburn's spending past £4 million since Kenny Dalglish took charge of the club in October.



Injured again: a subdued Walters suffered hamstring problems in Genoa

Tottenham turn to Gray Red Star exploit By Stuart Jones, football correspondent

require it. Before they face

ANDY Gray, though ineligible for Tottenham Hotspur in Europe, is about to be given the chance to restore his own reputation and the self-re-spect of his new club. He will probably make his debut tomorrow in a fixture that will represent an examination of Tottenham's mental and

physical fibre. Successive defeats by Nottingham Forest in the Rumbelows Cup semi-final and by Feyenoord in the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final have left Tottenham drained in both mind and body. Their condition is scarcely ideal for the visit of Leeds United, who could regain the first division leader-

ALDERSHOT yesterday saw

its professional playing staff

reduced to just ten when

David Puckett, the forward,

joined his former club.

Bournemouth, on a free

transfer. Puckett is the first

full-time player to leave the

Recreation Ground after the

club stopped paying the play-

ers nine weeks ago.

that his line-up will be neither depleted nor submissive. "It is my duty to field the best possible side," he declared yesterday. "I owe that to Manchester United, to Tottenham's supporters and to everyone connected with the club. Besides, we need to pick

Indeed they do. Although Tottenham were on the edge of contention at the turn of the year, they have not won for two months and have plummeted towards potential danger. Their involvement in cup competitions has perhaps been subconsciously a dis-traction and could continue to be so for another fortnight.

The introduction of Gray should act as an injection of Yet Peter Shreeves insists fresh enthusiasm and they **Aldershot lose Puckett**

Sheffield United have

signed the Leeds United for-

ward, Bobby Davison, on loan and he could play against Sheffield Wednesday next week. Steve Redmond, aged 24, Manchester City's longestserving player, was yesterday put on the transfer-list at

also scheduled to play Luton Town, who are struggling for survival, and Sheffield Wednesday, who are competing for a place in Europe next Gray, signed from Crystal Palace where he fell out of favour after making his England debut in November, ap-

Tottenham's reserves on Wednesday. "He's kept a low profile," Shreeves said. "As I know from our days at Queen's Park Rangers, he's a good player and so strong."
His qualities will be of no use for the return leg against Feyenoord and nor will those of both regular full backs, Fenwick and van den Hauwe. Suspended after receiving a second caution, they are expected to be replaced by Bergsson and Edinburgh.

peared for an hour with

The defence, though, will probably not be extended. Shreeves, who accurately predicted that the Dutch cupholders would be miserably unambitious even in the de Kuip Stadium, foresees them adopting an even more negative posture at White Hart Lane. He accepts that Tottenham's season hinges on their

RED STAR Belgrade, the Paul Kitson scored for the

With Sampdoria losing a more exciting game, 3-2 to Anderiecht, in Brussels, the Yugoslavs took over from the Italians as group leaders. They did so despite two goals from Vialli, the second of which put Sampdoria 2-1 up after 62 minutes. Nilis equalised for the Belgians in the 66th minute and claimed the

The Uefa Cup spelt heart-break for BK 1903 of Copenhagen. In their last season before amalgamating with their city rivals, KB Copenha-gen, BK 1903 lost 2-0 at home to Torino, of Italy. It was a disappointing result for the Danes, who had eliminated Aberdeen and Bayern Mu-

belated appearance as substitute: 15 minutes from the end, failed to rescue his Eng-land Second Division XI against the Italian Serie B.

Sampdoria's slip

European Cup holders, brushed aside the challenge presented by Panathinaikos to win a group A European Cup semi-final round tie 2-0 on Wednesday night in

winner in the 89th.

nich in earlier rounds.

In Italy, Glenn Hoddle's

visitors but the English team lost the game, in Caserta, 2-1. Back home, Middlesbrough's hopes of reaching their first big cup final faded in a 0-0 draw against Cruyff, with an eye on the Manchester United at European Cup final in May,

Although Neil Webb missed a glaring chance for United, Stephen Pears, once a reserve at Old Trafford, repeatedly denied his onetime colleagues. Nevertheless Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, said: "I am proud of my players. I could not have asked more of them." The winners of the second leg at Old Trafford will meet Nottingham Forest at Wembley next month.

Norwich City limbered up for their FA Cup sixth round tie against Southampton tomorrow with a 0-0 draw in the first division at Coventry. Goals were plentiful, however er, at Elm Park where Reading lost 4-3 to their third division rivals, Stoke City. Stoke now stand top of the division, leading Brentford on goal difference.

Cruyff in mood for main event

By Peter Robinson

NO GAME in Europe generates quite the same magic, the same vehemently partisan atmosphere, the same tensions or triumphs, as Barcelona v Real Madrid. It is unique and, when it takes place, it almost always overshadows every other fixture in Europe. Tomorrow will be no

The meeting of Spain's big-gest, wealthiest, most success-ful clubs, each with a sprinkling of some of the Con-tinent's best-known and bestpaid players, in front of well over 100,000 baying sup-porters, is a rich enough cocktail in itself, but add to that the league leadership, which is often at stake, and the annual outpouring of Catalan nationalism that the game generates and you have quite simply, the biggest domestic club fixture in the world.

The hype began as soon as last week's Spanish league programme was completed and continued despite the presence of both Barcelona and Real in European competition in midweek. Those diversions completed, Spain can now concentrate on the

There is no doubt that Barcelona enter the game in by far the better spirits. Their climb up the table has been remorseless of late, with Real's cushion at the top squeezed to just a point. Wednesday's European Cup win in the Ukraine against Dynamo Kiev has served to lift their confidence still fur-

'We have a team capable of everything." Johann Cruyff, the Barcelona coach, en-thused. "Now we are really in the mood for tomorrow's march. We have all the morale to take on Real Madrid. In Oviedo [where Barcelona won 2-0 last week] and Kiev, we showed that the best defence is a good attack."
Indeed, the 2-0 win in Kiev

could have been greater still, for while Stoichkov and Guardiola scored, other chances went begging. Cruyff, with an eye on the Ayresome Park in the first leg of the Rumbelows Cup.semi-

that of Leo Beenhakker, the Dutchman who has emerged as a less-than-friendly rival to Cruyff the coach. Beenhakker's Real may be quietly satsified with their 1-1 Uefa Cup draw in Czechoslovakia with Sigma Olomouc, but they were singularly unimpressive, had two players — Villaroya and Milla — sent off, and do not have the comfort of consistent league form

to turn to. Even the Italians must take a back seat to events in Spain. Juventus, in second place in Serie A, meet Napoli, in third, on Sunday, and must do without the suspended Julio Cesar and Stefan Reuter. AC Milan, still the Continent's best team despite their absence from the European Cup, are unlikely to let their lead slip even a little against Parma, who are fifth.

GOLF

Lee shows signs of emerging from his slump

By Our Sports Staff

ROBERT Lee, the extrovert Londoner who has been in the doldrums for the last few years, is sharing the lead after the first round of the Turespana Balearic Open at Santa Ponsa, Majorca, following a five-under-par score of 67 yesterday.

He is level with Barry Lane, of Berkshire, the American Glen Day and Sweden's Mats Hallberg. Severiano Ballesteros, favourite for the first prize of £41,660, began with a round of 70. Lee has been through some

difficult times since winning the Cannes Open in 1985 and the Portuguese Open in 1987, when he was hailed as one of the most promising players on the European Tour. Now he hopes his fortunes are about to change again. "I've great faith in my coach, Bob Torrance, and my two ambitions are still to win the Open and to play in the Masters," he said.

Four birdies in five holes helped him to the turn in 32 and he holed from 18 feet at the 11th. After bogeys at the 14th and 15th, he struck a five iron to four feet on the next and grabbed a seventh birdie with a 12-foot putt on

Lane did not drop a shot,

YACHTING Conner's protest flags unheeded ther, if that was possible.

> DESPITE having four pro-test calls dismissed by the onwater umpiring, but agrees water umpires. Dennis Conner took his Stars & Stripes to victory over Bill

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

day of round robin three in the America's Cup defender trials here. Stars & Stripes won by 2min 15sec, but it was a desperately close race until

Koch's Defiant on the second

Defiant had a massive sailnouing tangle on the rea ing legs halfway around the 20-mile course. In the first half of the race

Conner flew his protest flag four times. The umpires dis-

missed all four calls. Conner has never liked onthat it does give an instant result, which is good for the media and the spectators. "But it's very frustrating if you feel that you are right and you have no option but to sailing world," he said.

In round robin two, to the amazement of the competitors, the umpires dismissed the protests of both Stars & the yachts collided in a prestart, leaving a small hole in America³. The protests were dismissed because the umpires, who follow each vacht in fast 25-foot powerboats, were not positioned to see it.

RYA tackles berths

A NEW mooring initiative designed to reduce the short-age and high price of yacht berths, particularly on the south coast, was launched by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) yesterday (Barry Pickthall writes).

Working in conjunction with a Swansea-based pontoon manufacturer, the RYA scheme provides marina-style walkways secured by anchors. which cut out the cost of driving piles into river and estuary sites. Swansea yacht owners to adopt the system

have proved that outright purchase of each berth, funded through a ten-year debenture scheme, is equivalent to the annual mooring fees levied for a 30-foot cruiser at a

nearby commercial marina. Michale Shefras, chairman of the RYA's moorings and marinas committee, welcomed the scheme yesterday. "With estimates of around 85,000 new boats looking for mooring space over the next ten years, a scheme like this may well prove to be an ideal route forward." he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Crankcase lets down Frenchman

A broken crankcase forced the Frenchman. François Delecour, to abandon the Portuguese Port Wine Rally yesterday after he had dominated the early stages of the five-day race.

The departure of hisFord Sierra Cosworth from the 3km (1.8-mile) special stage at the race track in Lousada. left Andrea Aghini, of Italy, in the lead in a Lancia Delta integrale.

Final venues

Table tennis: England's European League first division championship final against Austria will be played at Salzburg (March 14) and Hull (March 20). The winner will be promoted to the super

Jackman on top

Squash rackets: Nineteenyear-old Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, dismissed the Irish No 1, Rebecca Best, in straight games from the second round of the Spanish Open championship in Madrid. She meets Susan Devoy, the New Zealand world champion, who has acknowledged Jackman as her likely successor, in the quarter-

Durie routed

Maine Road.

Tennis: Gabriela Sabatini, second seeded and with a first-round bye, routed Jo Durie 6-2, 6-0 at the Virginia Slims of Florida tournament in Boca Raton. The Briton held service only in the first

and seventh games of the opening set and contributed 32 unforced errors to Sabatini's cause. Friendly rivals Badminton: Helen Troke

and Su Louis, who are in

contention for a place in Britain's team for the Barcelona Olympics, have both been selected for the England squad for the two friendly internationals with Korea at Sheffield (March 16) and SHEMERO (March 10) and Birmingham (March 17). SOUAD: A Nodeen (Surrey), S Butler (Warwick), N Ponting (Herts), D Wright (Yorks), C Hunt (Lancs), A Goode (Herts), H Troke (Herts), S Louis (Devon), G Gowers (Herts), S Senidey (Lancs), G Clark (Surrey), J Bradbury (Cxon).

Parrott ahead Snooker: Breaks of 100, 89.

63, 56, 39 and 40 enabled John Parrott, the world and United Kingdom champion, to lead Ken Doherty, of Ireland, 5-3 after the first session of their best of 17 frames semi-final in the Strachan Professional Championship in Bristol, yesterday. Snooker enthusiasts will be able to watch morning sessions of the Embassy world championship qualifying rounds at the Guild Hall. Preston, free.

HOCKEY

St Albans hold on against RAF

DESPITE having to call on a few reserves, St Albans had enough talent to defeat the Royal Air Force 5-3 in a lively annual match at Clarence Park yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

The RAF missed a couple of open goals in the first half, during which they squan-dered five short corners.

Hayward set up Woods to put St Albans ahead in the fifth minute with a clever reverse flick. The RAF equalised in the fifteenth minute with McLean sending Cartmell away on the right to score from a difficult angle. Goals by Pell, from a short

corner, and another by Woods put St Albans 3-1 ahead at the interval. Halliday, a penalty stroke expert, made it 4-1, but goals by Halim and Cartmell put the RAF back in the hunt until Pell converted another short corner. Last year the score was 2-2.

WES 2-2. ST ALBANS: S Chater; P Eder, S Port, R Davis, M Pell, A Ruding, P Globine, S Downer, D Woode, A Haliday (sept), G Heyward, ROYAL AR FORCE Sgt T Kelly (subt Rt Lt A Seaton); PO K Demposey, Rt Lt C Kimber, SAC S Weltern, Sgt A Lee (capt), Sgt M Lutimen, PO G Cartmal, Rt Lt M McLean, FO M Halim, SAC 2 Hussain, Rt Lt M Evans (subt Rt Lt N Powel). Unspleas Fit Sgt A States and P Haliday (Eastern Countles).

ATHLETICS ATTLETION SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain: Indoor meeting: Men: 60m: 8 Surin (Can), 653sec 200m: N Antonov (Bul), 20,51 400m: D Evensti (US), 45 51 800m: R Kbotm; D Evensti (US), 45 51 800m: R Kbotm; (Ken), 1min 46,70sec, Mille: N Mourcell (Alg), 355.51. Two milles: N Kiptanui (Ken), 8:16.18. 5,000m: B Boutayeb (Mor), 13:23,76 80m hurdles: R Nehemah (US), 7.53sec. High jump: G Becker (Sp.), 2.77m. Pole vault S Bubta (CS), 547m. Women: 200m: J Cuthbert (Jam), 22.72sec. 1,500m: T Dorovskikh (CS), 4mm 12 05sec Long jump: I, Berezmaya (CS), 6.60m.

BASKETBALL BASKE FBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division:
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104 Second division: Batrisley Generals
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Angeles Lakers 101, New Jersey Nats 92.
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FOOTBALL NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:



Tom Watson: leader with a 65 in Hong Kong

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GUP WINNERS' CUP: Quartar-finals, first leg: Feyenoord 1, Tottenham Hotspur I. AS Roma 0; Monaco 0, Werder Stremen 2, Galatiasary (Tur) 1, Atlético Medrid 3, FC Bruges 2.

nedna 3. F.; Bruges 2. UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Gence 2. Liverpool 0. Sigma Olomouc (C2) 1. Real Madfod 1: BK 1903 Copenta-gen 0, Torno 2: Ghent (Bet) 0. Apar 0. RUMBELOWS CUP: Semi-final; First G BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry City 0, Norwich City 0, Third division: Reading 3, Stoke City 4 B AND 0 SCOTTISM LEAGUE: Premier division: Falurk 1, Heart of Midlethan 2.

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FOR THE RECORD

GOLF HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open tourna-ment: Laading first-round scores: 55: T Watson (US) 67: R Ratierly (GB), 68: P Marinaz (Par), Chen Tae-chung (Tawan), Lin Chle-histing (Taiwan) 69: M Harwood (Aus), G Boros (US), B Israelson (US), J Kay (Cen). SADOHARA, Japan: Datichi Cup: Leed-ing first- round scores, Japan unless staled) 64: I Aolu. 66: Chen Tze-ming (Taiwan) 67: T Tanasa, 68: T Czeki, K idoki, T Nishikawa, 69: F Kobayashi. British score: 78: P Hoed (GB)

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 5, New York Rangers 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Edmonton Oriers 2, Los Angeles Kings 4, San Jose Sharks 3 MOTOR RALLYING

PORTUGUESE RALLY: 1, J Kankkunen end J Paronen (F.g.), Lancia integrale, 2tr 44min 38sec, 2, A Aghiril and 5 Farnocchia (III), Lancia Integrale, 245:10, 3, M Basson and 1 Swisso (III), Ford Sestra, 245:15, 4, C Sanza and L Moya (Sp.), Toyota Celica, 2:45:48, 5, A Schwarz

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated .

Second division Tranmere v Port Vale. Third division Fourth division

Barclays League

Halifax v Carliste...

GM Vauxhall Conference Kettering v Famborough (8.0). BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen v Prescot.

RUGBY UNION 7.0 unless stated Student Internationals Scotland v France..... (at Boroughmulr)

(Ger) and A Hertz (Swe), Yoyota Celica, 247.15

RACKETS SCHOOLS MATCH: Malvern (M Hubbard and A Scammell) bi Radley (J Courts and J Black), 5-15, 15-13, 15-9, 15-5, 15-9

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

England v Wales(at Newbury, 2.30) CLUB MATCHES: Beth v Newbridge (7.15): Bedfard v Harrogate (7.30); Dunfermine v Stewarts Mel FP; Glouces-ter v Pontypool, Kirkcaldy v Curro, Musselburgh v Watsonsens, Northamplon v Bridgend (7.15); Pentypridd v Brastol; Roselyn Park v Blackheath (7.15), Sträke County v Ayr; Waspe v Neath (7.30); Weston-super-Mare v Ciffon (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE Under-21 International Great Britain v France ... (at Halifax, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: English women's national championships (Stevenage). SNOOKER: Strachen Championship final (Bristol), (Aus) bi C Owens (A.s) 15-12, 15-11, 15-9, F Geaves (Eng) bi S Homer (Eng) 10-15, 15-12, 15-11, 15-11

RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 20, Cornwall 10
CLUB MATCHES: Pontypridd 10, Bristol 26, Meester 12, South Wales Police 22; Swansea 26, Penarth 6, Kelso and Jed-Forest 31, Le Plats (Ang) 19
SCOTTISH UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: North and Makands 13, Glasgow 19, Edinburgh 6, South 16

SKI JUMPING ORNSKOLDSVIK, Sweden: World Cup: High halt 1. E Verton (Austral), 219.6pts, 2, NKasa (Japan), 218 1.3. M Marintson (Swe), 214 1. Overall: 1. W Retirman (Austra), 193pts; 2, I Nemmen (Fm), 189: 3. A Feder (Austra), 1776.

TENNIS

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BOCA RATON, Florida: Women's trurynament: Second round: G Sabalan (Arg) bit J Dune (GB), 8-2, 6-0, C Martriez (Sp) bit J Dune (GB), 8-2, 6-0, C Martriez (Sp) bit Singlenova (Cg.), 6-3, 8-1, 1 Weeney (Austria) bit N Medivedeva (CIS), 3-6, 6-4, 7-8; L Gildemester (Peru) bit D Faber (US), 7-6, 6-4, K Date (Japan) bit A Bechaume [Fr], 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, B Rillingt (Ger) bit A Grunland (GB), 6-1, 6-3, C Rubin (US) bit H Cooli (US), 4-6, 8-1, 6-4, A Coetzer (SA) bit N Baudone (II), 6-3, 6-4, Thurd round: S Grail (Ger) bit N Savarnatsu (Japan), 6-0, 6-1 (NDIAN WELLS, California: Champions Cup: Second round (IUS unless stated): J Course of C van Renaburg (SA), 3-6, 6-0, 6-2 P Sampres bit B Shelton, 6-7, 6-0, 6-4; M Sheh (Ger) bit J Connors, 5-4, 6-3, A Cherikasov (CS) bit G Forgel (Fr), 6-4, 8-0; R Kraucek (Nem) bit D Inhamsenc. (Yug), 6-0, 6-3, P Korda (Cz) bit M Ondruske (SA), 4-8, 7-5, 6-1, E Saechez (Sp) bit Champon (Fr), 7-6, 6-3, A M Cheng bit J Sanchez (Sp), 7-6, 6-3; M Cheng bit J Sanchez (Sp), 0-6, 6-3, M Cheng bit J Gustalason (Swe) bit CV Sreeb (Ger), 6-1, Flässok (SMIZ) bit C Polina (Fr), 7-5, 6-2.

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Hosts reduced to a rabble as England take decisive step towards cricket World Cup semi-finals

Botham puts Australia on the rack

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

THE most daunting obstacle barring England's path to the cricket World Cup semi-finals was an inferiority complex. Yesterday in Sydney, the anxiety was confronted and conquered. Australia no long-er hold any lears for them and neither does the winning of the cup.

It was only a year ago that England travelled the length and breadth of this country without winning a game of any sort against Australia. By the end of it, Graham Gooch's team was a dispirited rabble but, yesterday, the description could aptly be applied to the Australians.

The dealening din of a capacity crowd of 39,000 was reduced to moody silence, save for the chanting of England's gloating supporters, as Australia came up against an old tormentor in Ian Botham. Even Alian Border, whose regard for Botham's ability has never wavered, cannot have imagined his old friend and rival had another performance like this in his

Botham destroyed the Australian batting by taking four wickets in seven balls. He then strode out to open the England innings and smote 53 out of a century stand with his captain, putting this pivotal match beyond recall.

It was the inspired cricket of a giant revived from sleep. Its effect was to rush England to an absurdly easy eight-wicket win, with 9.1 overs in hand, and to increase the possibility that Australia will not qualify for the last four. England, at 5-4, are the new

Once Botham had gone, the rest of the game was so academic it was dreary, but this is the paradox of England in their present mood. The better a team performs in one-day cricket, the more outclassed is the opposition and the more tedious the

Micky Stewart, the team manager, said later that the had worried him. "It was a stage game, a genuinely big game, and I wondered how our players would react. But they have all done it well. They performed the same way they have done since we left England in December."

That way, as successive opponents have come to know. is ruthlessly professional. Now, unbeaten after proba-



bly the tougher half of their group games, England trail New Zealand on points only because rain denied them victory over Pakistan. Australia. meanwhile, have only the pointless Zimbabwe keeping them off the bottom.

Border, reviewing the situation last night, said: "We need England and New Zealand to keep winning and then a few other results to go our way. But to get through now, we have got to win the rest of our games and win them well.

At first, this heavily hyped game went the way of the hosts. Border won the toss and followed his usual policy of batting, and England were obliged to field in the draining humidity of the after-noon. Australia had dropped Marsh and promoted Moody to open. That part of the deal worked well enough but Moody's partner, Mark Taylor, fell to Pringle without scoring and Boon, their form player, was run out at the non-striker's end for the second time on this ground in

The pitch was faster than most seen at Sydney, however, and Moody's third-wicket stand with Jones pulled the innings round. Indeed, at 106 for two in the 28th over, Australia were looking at a total in excess of 230 — and then the collapse started. Jones carved DeFreitas hard and fast to cover and Lewis



Lewis: stunning catch

Tufnell, whose length was generally too short, then bowled Moody off his glove as he swept but Border and Steve Waugh patched up the damage with a care devel-oped by hundreds of such encounters. Twelve overs and two balls remained and the total read 145 for four as Botham took the game for his

He found the ideal inswinger for Border, who has been a candidate for that delivery all winter, and then, with a pause of a dot ball on each occasion, he had Healy and McDermott caught from reckless swings and Peter Taylor leg-before. The dainty, hip-wiggling dance routine he has adopted for this tour sufficed for the first three wickets; the last was greeted by the full-blooded Botham of old, leaping and punching the air in uncomplicated joy. Australia managed to bar

through another ten overs but scored only ten more runs. Waugh, who had viewed the wreckage from the other end with his usual lack of expression, ran himself out trying to farm the strike, and the final score of 171 was only one run more than Australia's total against South Africa here last

It was inadequate then and it was inadequate now. though by the way Mc-Dermott bowled the opening over, it was impossible to be confident. Gooth did not make contact with a single ball, and if one gives him the benefit of withdrawing the bat from more than one, he was beaten at least three

The crowd was howling at this last, desperate throw. The Australians were visibly pumped up. It took Botham to puncture them, upper-cutting McDermott to the third-man boundary, then crashing two successive balls from Reid through cover for four. Early in the piece it may have been, but that was the beginning of the end.

Botham had batted 31 overs for 23 runs in the previinstalled, and within ten overs England had scored 55. There was no further need for rush, nor any further need for the man-of-the-match adjudicator to ponder. He had his man and England had their most gratifying win yet.

Phil Tufnell missed En-

gland's victory celebrations after being admitted to hospital. The England physiother-apist, Lawrie Brown, described Tufnell's condition as "a kind of nervous colic"

Botham's triumph, page 1 Richards reflects, page 30 West Indies stumble, page 30



Australia on the run: Stewart begins to celebrate as Steve Waugh fails to beat DeFreitas's return

D C Boon run out (Fairbrother)
Running in from mid-vicket, direct
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Total (49 overs, 208 min).....

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BOWLING: Pringle 9-1-24-1 (nb4, w1) (7-0-23-1, 2-1-1-0); Lewis 10-2-28-0 (w2) (6-0-24-0, 4-2-4-0); DeFroites 10-8-23-1 (w1) (one spell); Bothern 10-1-31-4 (w1) (4-0-18-0, 6-1-13-4); Tufnell 9-0-62-1 (nb1) (one spell); Reeve 1-0-3-1.

Extras (fb 13, w 8, nb 4)...

Total (2 wkts 40.5 overs, 171 min) 178 NH Feithrother, †AJ Stewert, DA Reeve, CC Lewis, DR Pringle, PAJ DeFreites and PCR Turnell did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107 (Gooch SS), 2-153 (Smith 17).

BOWLING: McDermott 10-1-29-0 (nb1, w3) (7-0-23-0, 3-1-6-0); Reid 7.5-0-49-0 (nb5, w2) (4-0-28-0, 3-0-12-0, 0.5-0-8-0); Writiney 10-2-28-1 (w1) (one spell); Waugh 6-0-29-1 (w2) (4-0-18-0, 2-0-11-1); Taylor 3-0-7-0 (one spell); Moody 4-0-18-0 (one spell);

England won by eight wickets

Man of the match: IT Bothem (adjudicator: S P O'Donnell). Umplies: S Bucknor (West incles) and Khizer Hayat (Pakistan).

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THE Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) yesterday sent letters to the government calling for the levy on horse racing to be extended to other sportson which bets are placed, such as greyhound racing, tennis,

cricket and boxing.
By statute, horse racing receives a £35.5 million contri-bution from the bookmakers, approximately one per cent of all off-course bets staked on

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the CCPR, which represents the national governing bodies of sports, said that a similar levy was applied to all other sports-related bets but this was retained by the bookmakers. "Greyhound racing alone is deprived of £11 million, while the other sports between them are entitled to E6 million."

Betting on major events has increased in recent years and Tony Brown, the administrative secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board, said: I am sure people are betting left, right and centre on the World Cup but cricket is receiving no benefit."

Lawson said that the CCPR would like to see a levy board arrangement for other other sports to distribute the money, as already occurs in horse racing.Greyhound racing does get £3.5 million from the off-course bookmakers, but this money goes to help 12 tracks, five of which are owned by the big three book-makers, Ladbrokes, William

Hills and Coral. Tom Kelly, the chief executive of the Betting Office Licensees Association, said that the CCPR was not the first sports body to have identified a "mythical pot of gold at the end of the betting rainbow", and said that it was "totally inaccurate" that £17 million

was being absorbed into the

off-course bookmaking industry's profits. He said: "The CCPR has failed to understand the impact of overall taxation on the off-course industry; nor has it taken into consideration the fees already paid by book-makers to greyhound stadia and the football leagues. The deduction is, in fact, a term of trade between the bookmaker and his customer and should not be the concern of other parties. An off-course levy at

the rates advocated by the CCPR would inevitably lead to an increase in deductions."

Harmony reigns amid Genoa's hospitality

By ROGAN TAYLOR

Genoa finds new friends; and

they are English, the piece recorded the sincerity and di-

rectness of the FSA's Liver-

pool representatives in their

meetings with local people. Crolley, who holds an Anfield

season ticket and speaks im-

pressive Italian, was interviewed so frequently on local and national television that

she was constantly recognised

by local supporters outside

WHEN I arrived at the brief skirmish which took place be-tween a handful of Liverpool and Genoese supporters on Wednesday night, the Carabinieri were already sequestering the visitors away. The most vigorous exchanges were taking place between the majority of local supporters who were keen to restrain the lew hotheads in their midst. There were no arrests and the Liverpool followers were soon escorted into the ground.

the Luigi Ferraris stadium on the day of the match. Official representatives of Contact with the Genoa Council and local supporters' organisations had been inithe Liverpool supporters were on the spot immediately in company with one of the Gentially established by football oese "Ultra" supporters leadresearchers at Leicester and ers, whom they had met the previous day. The Merseyside branch of the Football Sup-Milan universities - an example of one of the more practical outcomes of acaporters' Association (FSA) demic conferences. A band had deputed Paul Hyland playing Beatles songs greeted and Liz Crolley to travel to Genoa the day before the game to meet local councilthe incoming coaches of Liverpool supporters and leaflets which welcomed them were distributed describing the efforts made by local lors, police and leading supporters in an imaginative people to create a good atmomove to foster good relations. sphere for the game. Liverpool supported the ini-A special free edition of the tiative and the club's commu-Genoa fanzine, produced by nity officer, Brian Hall, a the Fossa dei Grifoni — the former Liverpool player from

the 1970s, accompanied the equivalent of the Kop or Stret-FSA representatives to the ford End — was printed in meetings.
The initiative certainly paid English and Italian for the occasion. It welcomed the Liverpool supporters "to the most English city in Italy", reminding them that Genoa is Italy's oldest football club, off. On the morning of the match, the nation's largest selling daily, the Gazetta dello Sport, produced the originating in 1893 when "Sir James Spencer together most favourable comments about English supporters seen in Italy since 1985. Under a headline that read: with a small group of gallant men came ashore with 17

fantastic rules and the will to teach us the best game in the

In addition to the spectacular display of flags, fireworks (the "choreography") and an enormous banner almost the size of the pitch which read: We are Genoa, the "Ultra" groups of supporters organised a special laser light show. The evening prior to the match, the FSA representatives had been conducted around the impressive yet intimate stadium by those rehearsing the performance. Later, that evening, as guests of the Coordinamento Club of Genoa — the oldest supporters club network in Italy -Liverpool representatives ate a six-course meal after receiv-

For the Genoa club and its supporters the match against Liverpool was the most significant for 50 years. On the advertisement detailing the coach trips to Liverpool via Paris and London for the return leg on March 18, the list of attractions included: the Moulin Rouge; the Folies Bergere, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London. But in the boldest lettering of all stood out the prime site of interest: Anfield Road. Rogan Taylor works at the Centre for Football Research at Leicester University. His book. Football and its Fans.

will be published by Leicester University Press in May.

A toast : to those calling it a day

BY ROB ANDREW

WHICHEVER way you look at it, tomorrow at Twickenham sees the end of an era. It seems that at least three of the rughy union players who have been with England through lean and successful times

may be going to retire. to say that they helped England achieve something. and their greatest achieve ment, an enormous one in my view, is that England should never again suffer continuous failure.

Until they make their annouricement, we will not know who is going. But given the number of rumours within the squad about players perhaps feeling they would like one last hurrah, against South Africa in November, I am no longer certain that there will be quite so many withdrawals as has been suggested.

I suspect that one or two may hang on until the gan with South Africa and, if they stay that long, they might see out one last five

I will not be among those retiring because I want to carry on playing rugby to a high standard in France. And if I am to do that I want to be challenging for an international place. But whatever the outcome of our bid for a second successive grand slam my primary thoughts tomorrow night will be for those who are stepping down. Some suffered the bad times of English rugby from 1984 to 1988; but

they stuck around.

The job is not yet finished. It has been suggested that England need only turn up at Twickenham to complete another grand slam. I can tell you that no such assumption is being made. We remember what happened at Edinburgh in 1990.

that day and in the week building up to it. It cost us a grand slam. We also made a mess of things when we



played Wales at Cardiff in 1989 with the champion-Ship at stake. The end of our champion-

mark the reappointment of Geoff Cooke as England manager. He has done a phenomenal job; his achievements have been immense. He has brought continuity to all he has done and his results must be unprecedented in mod-

ern times.
Although we are within one match of another grand slam, we do not feel we have played as well up front this season as last year. I believe that is chiefly due to the loss of Ackford and Teague. It is only when you are without certain people you begin to realise just how good they were. The forward unit is very,

very important at this level. You do not replace overnight the experience of people like Dooley and Winterbottom, no matter how good the youngsters. But we have been fortunate that others, like Bayfield. have been introduced while there were still time to learn from the senior men.

The England B team is going well and the talent is undoubtedly there. We should always have players coming through, so that al-though there will be the odd setback, I believe Eng-land can largely continue in this successful vein.

That will be the legacy of those who do decide to retire after tomorrow. ☐ Interview by Peter Bills



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This old man comes ranting home



Anthony Burgess, author, composer, polymath, polyglot, was 75 this week and remains as full

of bile about

Britain as ever

his is no country for old men. But how they love to come back and rubbish it, when they've got the hell out. This week Londoners got another earful of Damn You England-style vitriol from Anthony Burgess, on the why-oh-why page of the Evening Standard headed "Why I'm ashamed of sad drab, vulgar Britain,

Life would be grey indeed without these aged seers to tell us we have seen the best of our time. Press a button, and their bilious words spill out, but they live well above it all. Like John Osborne's, Mr Burgess's diatribes about "our unhappy kingdom" have a well-

He bemoans the loose Americanisms of demotic speech. The misuse of "hopefully". The "baf-fling" young, who "do not seem to belong to the human race". Girls lack of allure. The price of a pint. London's boxy buildings and vulgar hoardings. Our political lead-ers: "John Major, mediocrity's monument, faces Neil Kinnock, a perfect complement." We lack popular philosophers: we lack above all, genius. It is classic 'They were giants in them days' stuff. Sounds like this bezoomny ded needs a bolshy tolchok in the keeshkas, eh droogs?*

Armed with his outpourings I went to his smoke-filled suite at the Savoy. He invoked the names of G.B. Shaw, Bertrand Russell, Arnold Bennett, "instead of these blasted TV people, Esther Rantzen, Clive James, Melvyn Bragg", who are "not good enough". Then why not come back and be a giant among them? He said that was not his line. "Can you see Shaw on Wogan? He'd take it over. He'd say, (broad Irish broguel 'let me talk to the people'. There's no genius, no flow of interesting ideas. Ah splendid, here is tea. Have a scone with

Like Osborne's, his animus is concealed in benign convivality. The previous night, his 75th birthday had been celebrated among congenial company that included John Mortimer, Auberon Waugh, Victoria Glendinning. Mr Burgess was forthcoming. He entertained the table by settling old scores and past slights. Never mind that nobody recalls these except Mr Burgess: they rankle with him still. Between puffs on his panatellas he went through his hit list: Graham Greene, Jimmy Savile, the late Geoffrey Grigson, Charles Osborne Osborne had once listed the three most overrated books as Lady Chatterley's Lover, She Stoops to Conquer and "whatever has most recently dropped heavily from the pen of Anthony Burgess". This old man

does not forget. Of course he is right about cultural decline. But his own life is irretrievably distanced from it. He says everything depends on education, but he has not been inside a school for years. So he cannot collect firsthand evidence, but he suspects that the eccentric, enthusiastic, slightly mad types who once taught, are gone, and a mediocre syllabus rules. "I was very lucky in my school. The

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The voluntary exile back, temporarily, in Britain: will Anthony Burgess return to be a giant in his native land? Not while there is sloppy speech, paltry television punditry, and rock 'n' roll

Kotzebuhe." This was the Xavierian College in Manchester. The fierce brothers taught him Latin, but he also taught himself Greek. He found language fun-"We used to translate 'I say tomato, you say tomay-to' into Latin, Dico ego pomum, dicis tu

Thar's Burgess, man and boy: scholarship ever on display. It exasperates him that he cannot take for granted that readers will understand musical terms: tritone, tonic, dominant; he was furious when a supposedly educated man was stumped by the opening sentence of his novel, Earthly Powers: "It was the afternoon of my 81st birthday, and I was in bed with my catamite... "Catamite's a common enough word," said Mr Burgess in scorn. "Surely he knows Latin?" He can't resist challenging us with idiolect, palinlogue, autophagous, opusculum, desquamation, lesbic, allomorph, monophthongal, autocephalous, inesculent, strabismus, words one got by happily without until reading him.

telephone rings. It is Dino di Laurentiis, the film producer, wanting Mr Burgess to write one of the biblical films he is planning. "I say yes, with pleasure, but let us have a contract. Un contracto. He will do the story of Judith and Holofernes, "You remember, she invited Holosernes to supper and an evening of love, then cut his head off, a very feminist thing." He adds references to Carayaggio's painting, Shakespeare calling his daughter Judith, the character Holofernes in Love's Labours Lost. "Holofernes was the name for the penis, you know." Is there anything that Mr Bur-

gess does not know? 'No. I don't know enough at all." On the contrary, he knows too much for comfort. When he describes a room as "full of odd add "(strange that the Hebrew naknik should mean a sausage)." "That's echoism." he said. "Joyce is full of echoism. It's not liked, generally." Such omniscience may adorn, but sometimes afflicts, his prose. Writing about schooldays and cronies, he has to add, "who, true to the etymology khronios, sustained friendship chronically . . . " This is showing off. I rather eniov it, but it irritates some to screaming point. A mind so openladen with cross-references and philological curiosities does not fit a man for the popular novelist's trade, he says so himself he is tormented by a memory he cannot control. "I can't remember a line of Goethe, but I remember every line of Cole Porter." And enough lines of Anglo-Saxon to discourse

with Jorge Luis Borges in it. He had spent the morning "having a go at Greene" for a BBC programme. He had made the point that a character in Greene's Monsieur Quixote had put a body in the boot of a Seat. "But the Seat has no boot! His Spanish translator was literally crying about it. Yet Greene would get very touchy if you corrected him. And he put carrots into a Lancashire hotpot in

The Human Factor." He and Greene were neighbours in exile, one a cradle Catholic, the other a convert. Mr Burgess disapproved of Greene living with another man's wife. but they maintained a guarded friendship ("I never gave him a review less than fawningly adulatory."
Mr Burgess said.) He asked Greene at their last lunch, what he missed most about England. Sausages," Greene replied. In comes Mrs Burgess, alias the

contessa, Liana. "Antonio! Anto-- nio! Who is the man of the deep structure I always forget?" Chomsky," supplies Mr Burgess. The story of his marriage to this dark Italian lady, as told in volume two of his confessions, is extraordinary. She was living in London,

He is right about cultural decline. But his own life is distanced from it. He says everything depends on education, but he has not been inside a school for years

translating, and teaching linguistics, when they met. She admired his work. "We made love," he says, "and then she disappeared, went to Paris. And then four years later I discovered I had a son." Why did she never tell him she was preg-nant? "Well, I was still married, my first wife was dying, killing herself with drink, cirrhosis. That was pretty hellish. I've not really told the half of the story. She would insist on going out, and cause tremendous rows and upheavals and she would hit people and so on. The Welsh can't take drink you know."

When the first wife, Lynne, died, Liana turned up and told him about their son, now aged three. "I said, heavens, we must marry. And she said no! I had a very difficult job to persuade her."
Liana explains, "I wanted to be an unmarried mother, I wanted to be independent. It was my own business. I was a pioneer in many things. Especially as an Italian who has suffered so much at the hands of the Catholic church." Mr Burgess convinced her that he needed someone to leave his copyrights to; so she "saw the point" of marriage. They are polar opposites. She is noisy, volatile,

"Antonio! Antonio! My pun is that in Italy, story and history is the same word." "Yes yes very good," he mutters patiently. "Contradiction is a good mar-

voluble. They argue constantly.

riage. Agreement, dead mar-riage," aphorises Liana. "We have a dialectical marriage," says An-

tonio, longsufferingly. he translates his work. negotiates on the telephone, chases up his royalties from villainous foreign publishers, drives (he does not drive) and looms large in all interviews. They are inseparable. But there is a clash of wills between them over having a photograph'

"I am not part of Anthony and his life! Am I not my own woman?" "You're not an appen-

dage, quite right." Mr Burgess mollifies the pho-tographer: "Good afternoon sir! Piece of cake? What part of the world are you from? West London way? Have a scone." I tell Liana she would be a picturesque foil to her husband's tall grey gauntness, being short, voluptuous, with black Latin eyes and those bright red and orange flower-clips in her hair ("Antonio loves long 'air") but she is adamant. She cites Heraclitus for some reason, and expresses horror at the frozen crystallised moment of a photograph. "No, no, NO." What a fuss! "She always gets angry about it. I personally would be delighted. But she has very strong views."

Mr Burgess is far from being a prophet without honour in his native land. He has been made a down and wrote it again. I

to be among these vulgar people who write for money, meaning me. Lord Jenkins presented it. He's a bit of a pain: calls me Guy

Burgess.
"But it's very kind of them to give it. What it means is that you're not going to be given anything else. You're not going to be made into a knight. Not if you live abroad. P.G. Wodehouse had to wait until he was 90. Noël Coward got it when he was dying. But when you think that Jimmy Savile has it, you just don't want it, God forbid."

Far better stay in Monaco, though pestered by too many Americans with rucksacks, retreating to Lugano now and then. He is a pillar of Monaco society, "not so gay or glamorous since the death of Princess Grace".

In the Rue Grimaldi he pro-

duces his 1,000 words a day; never getting to the point where he feels he has mastered the art of writing."I have been without a salary for the last 30 years and one still has to go on working." His weary dismissal of most contemporary writing — "it's all right, but once you've read it you've forgotten it, nothing's terribly important" - comes from reviewing so much. He gets sent books nobody else wants, like the new Erich Segal, or a history of the internal combustion engine. He notes a lack of humour in contemporary writers: Martin Amis, A.S. Byatt. "Amis is a clever young man, but I find no comfort in the world he describes, no humour, no irony. Antonia Byatt has womanly gifts. Most women writers do, with exceptions like Anita Brookner." It is "a symptom of age" that he returns to Dickens, Conrad, Jovce and Trollope; also Sinclair Lewis and Herman Wouk. Once he had the manuscript of a

complete book stolen, while taking it to be photocopied. "So I sat

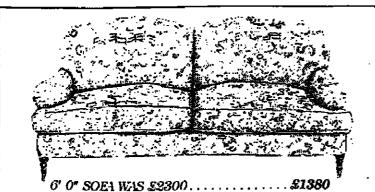
thought, well, I'll do it better the second time, like Carlyle and the French Revolution.

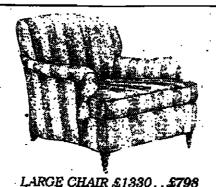
His great jeu d'esprit, A Clock-Meccanica, as he refers to it, was 'an aberration", he says dismiss ively; after the film it had become Stanley Kubrick's property, and Kubrick kept it from the British public. "It became popular for the wrong reasons, because it was about violence, people love that kind of thing. It's very annoying. They always pick on one damn book, like Lucky Jim. Now they read it in schools in America, it's in its 27th printing over there. I've never seen any money. Something wrong somewhere. I have been screwed. I'm infinitely screwable. He only got a percentage of the film after taking the producers to court. "It's a dirty business. You've got to keep out of films if you can."

Mr Burgess has written his most brilliant work: his two volumes of autobiography. But he will be back soon, with a novel on Christopher Marlowe, and a book called A Mouthful of Air, on the language children should be taught in school. "If only I could get the Prince of Wales to write a preface, but he's very busy talking about cheese". Having left Britain for its depressing youth culture, what he really mourns is a feeling of any respect for his type, the polymathic polyglot. He is right: there is nobody else quite like him; and what is that uniqueness but a mad, tormented genius?

Sounds like the mad old man needs a big kick in the guts, eh friends? in

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III BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anoulith's play on the relationship between Thomas à Recket and Henry B. Theatre Royal, Haymerlet, SW1 (071-930 8900). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins. Final week.

LA BETE: Bravurs performance by Alan Cumming in a strange Mollère partoly: eccentric but claver. Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, WB (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 145mins.

[] THE COTTON CLUB: An LI THE COTTON CLUBE, mightspot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, msts Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins. ☐ THE CUTTING: Intriguing two-hander by Maureen O'Brien between ner on a murder rap and a

DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Cityler Award-winning memory-play, set in Thirtise Donegal. Garnick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Juliet Stavenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Ariel Dorfman's Chilean political drams. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, Bpm, mate Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120r AN EVENING WITH GARY

ER: Sometimes droit to es of a woman married accor fart. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat. 6pm and 8.45pm. 130mins. ☐ FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macbeth's climb

NEW RELEASES

CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Niro Ierroriges Nick Notte and familly. Martin Scorasse's feroclous, unpleasant remake of a classic revenge thriller. With Jessica Lange, Juliette

Lewis. Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero 073-424 0701 Sergen en the Grand (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

ONCE UPON A CRIMÉ (PG): Vacuous ONCE UPON A CHIME (PG): Vacuous comedy about Americans in Ment Carlo tumbling over a dachshund and a dead body. Starring John Candy, Jernes Bekushl, Sean Young, Richard Lewis, Cybill Shepherd; director, Eugene Lavy.
Ordeon West End (0426 915574).

CURRENT AFRAID OF "HE DARK (16): Mark APPLIAND OF THE MARK (18) NEWS Peptie's deliver but disagreeable psychological thriller about fear and blindness. With Ben Keyworth, James Fox, Fanny Ardant. MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

BARTON FINK (15): The Cost brothers' marveflous macabre cornedy about a New York playwright all all see an 1940s Hollywood Staning John Turturro, John Gootinan. A triple Cannes prizawisher Gate (071-727 4043) Lumbire (071-836 0891) Screen on the HR (071-435 3366).

 BLACK ROBE (15). Seventeenth century Jesus (Lothers Bhreau) tries i convert Indians in northern Quebec. intelligent epic from Bren Moore's novel. Director, Bruce Beresford. MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914656) Plaza (071-497 9999). CROSS MY HEART (15): Wan, visually dull French tale of children concealing a mother's death from the authorities. With Sylvain Copans; director, Jacques Fanaten. Curzon Phoentx (071-240 9661)

OEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15): Sem Nedi as an ageing mother's boy sucked into love, violence and accidental musider. Tashy black comedy from new Australian director John Rusne. MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757).

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

XERXES: Last performance this season of Nicholas Hytner's bright, clean production of Hendel's Xerxes, revived for English National Opera by Julia Hobander. Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3151), tanight, 7pm.

COWFIGY JUNKIES: Tuneful country rock from this Toronto band whose latest album, Black Eyed Man, boasts aweal, expressive singing from Margo Timmine and heunting, occasionally morbid, lyrics from her brother Miches Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, 6.45pm. SUGARCUBES: Heroes in their home

country, these icelandic mayoricks offer together by the beautiful wheeling vocals of female singer, Björk. Brixton Academy, Stockwell Road. London SW9 (071-328 1022), tomorro 6.30cm

VOICES: Musicologist Neil Sorrell VOICES: Musicologist Neil Sorrel introduces a programme which combines the techniques of North Indian and European classical vocal styles, linking Indian ragas with 20th-century works by John Cage, Rogar Marsh, Henri Pousseur and Glecinto Scelst. With singer Linda Hirst, sepophorist David Roach, and vocalists Rajan and Sajan Misera. Unity Theatre, Liverpool (051-709 4988), Lonight, 7.30pm. Library Theatre, Sheffleld (0742 734102), tomorrow, 7.30pm. Adrian Boult Hall

THEATRE GUIDE

leremy Kingston's assessmen _of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

to the top, set in the world of rock bands and pecked with Stoties songs Boulevard, Welker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661 after 2pm). Mon-Set, 8.15pm, Fri late show, 10.15pm, mai Set, 6pm. 60mics.

S GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical catebrating Fifties and States pop cleasics. Great stuff. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300). Mon-Thurs, Spin, Frl, Sat, 5.30pm and

MAKING IT BETTER: Jumes Seunders' subtle play concerned ideals, restly and liberation in Pra and London; Jerse Asher in an exemplary cast of four.

Hampetsed, Swiss Cottage Centr My42 (071-722 9301), Mon-Set, Spr. Set, 4pm. 120mins.

THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA: Alfred Moham and a superb Eleen
Attions in Tennessee Wilsems's play on
the affects of assaut repression.
National (Lyttetton), South Benk, SE1
(071-828 2252), Tonight, tomorrow,
7.30pm, met tomorrow, 2.15pm.

☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: ☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleaful version of the cit thriller: burse by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftasbury, Shaftasbury Avenus, WC2 (071-379 5395). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Set, 8.30pm, mats Thure, 3pm, Set, 5pm, 150mins.

PYGMIES IN THE RUINS: Unconstrable play by Ron Hutchinac Unconstrable play by Ron Hutchinac bering the andeties of a Belfast edile haunted by his city's past. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554), Mon-Set, Bpm, mat Set, 4pm. 145mins.

CINEMA GUIDE Geoff Brown's assessment of

films in London and (where dicated with the symbol () on release across the country.

DELICATESSEN (15): French video whizzidds Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bizzero fentesy about a nouseful of tenents living above a commissistic butcher, With Dominique Pinon, Marie-Leure Dougnec. Camiden Piaza (071-455 2443) MGM Chelsee (071-355 5066) MGM Tottenhem Court Road (071-638 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914886) Screen on Baker Street (071-

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE (15): Krzysztof Klestowski's brilliamity filmed conunctum about two girls (one Polish, one French) who seem to share a file. With Irône Jacob, Philippe Volter. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8965).

• FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG): Daughter's impending wedding drives Steve Martin crezy. Disappointing remaks of the 1950 classic; for audiences who want to be spoon-led. With Diane Keeton; director, Charles Shyer. MGM Cheises (071-352 5096) MGM

MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy assassination. Kevin Costner as

essestination. Kevin Coeffner es crusading D.A. Jim Garrison: a busting supporting cast. MGM Fullham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Shafrisebury Avenue (071-636 8279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683) Pieza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-635 2772) Whitsleys (071-792 3332)

Simingham (021-331 5000), Sun, 7.30pm.

GRAINGER FESTIVAL: In Blackheath Parcy Grainger. Martin Jones, who has recorded all of the Australian-American composer's pieno music for Nimbus, gives the first of three recitate in the series. Biscitheath Concert Halls, Lee Road, London SE3 (081-463 0100/071-379 4444), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: The company presents A Stranger I Came, an angaging new work by choreographer Robert North, together choracyspher Hobert Norm, together with Christopher Bruce's highly acclaimed Swensong, and the company's new staging of Belanchine's Apolic. Arts Cantre, Kingland Road, Pools (0202 665222), tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

ARRAU MEMORIAL: Two mances of Verdi's Reculent pernormances or verue a requestr commemorate the planist Claudio Arrau, who died last year. The London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus is joined by a highly distinguished cast of soloists and Sir Colin Devis conducts. EC2 (071-638 6891), tomorrow, 7.45pm and Sun, 7.30pm.

BRODSKY QUARTET: The high-BRUUDSAY COUNT (E): The regri-making group calebrates its 20th anniversary this year as one of Britain's foremost string quarters, in a lunctitine concert on Sunday, they give performances of works by Bridge (Three Bylds), Prokofied (Quartet No 2) and Dvoriki (Quartet, Op 96

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Benk, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 3pm.

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers while through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines cannot disguise the true rueful Duke. Globe, Shathasbury Avenue, W1 (0714494 5055), Mon-Fri, Bprn, Sat, 830pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. 130mins.

El A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planiata in likesble tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9367), Mon-Fri, Spra, Sal, 8-30pm, meta Wed, 2-30pm, Sat, 5-30pm, 140mins.

EL TALKING HEADS: Patricia Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent in three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pain of Consectus functor grap plain of decidate lives. Consecty, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively perade of tuneful oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thure, 8.15pm, Fri, Set, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

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LONG RUNNERS: III Aspects of Lover Prince of Wales (071-838)

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♦ THE LAST BOY SCOUT (18):

Bruce Wills as a world-weary detective embroiled in L.A. corruption. Crowd-pleasing action movie, piled with buffets and jokes. With Damon Wayans; director, Tony Scott. MGM Fulham Road (071-570 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MG Oxford Street (071-638 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys urket (071-839 1527) MGM

Parge of young love in rural Louisiers Culet, old-fashioned drame: honest deep down, though wet round the edges. With Sam Waterston, Tes Harper, Reese Witherspoon, Emily Warfield; director, Robert Mulligen. MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025).

MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Indians displaced from Uganda to Mississippi fret over moe and young love. Sharp insights, but soggy at the centra. Sterring Sarita Choudhury, Denzal Washington. Director, Mira Nair. Curzon West Eng (071-439 4905).

♦ THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New York psychistriat helps footbell coach face tamily secrets. Romanite drams with ideas above its station, grandly scied by Nick Notes. Barbra Straisand directs and co-stars, but halls to sing. Barbrican M71.838 95011 Carmides. Barbican (071-838 8891) Camden Parkway (071-857 7034) MGM Beker Street (071-855 972) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5990) Noting HB Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensängton (0428 \$14686) Lelcaster Square (0428

RAISE THE RED LANTERN (PG): Zhang Yimou's austare, quietly dazzlin drama of a concubine's struggles in Twenties China. With Gong Li. Chelses (071-351 5742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402). SHADOWS (18): Welcome revival of

John Cassarvites's ground-breaking first feeture (1939), a tapestry of New York bohenian Rits. Plus four other films in a two-week selute to the Res-wire actor-director. ICA (071-830 9847).

LES VALSEUSES (18); Gérard Depardiou and Patrick Dewsere in 1974, as two lads with Idle hands. Timely revives of Bertrang Biler's fercolous, amoral, snook-cocking 1974 romp. MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3581).

THEATRE

What fools, these mortals

HERE is a test for those thinking of putting this on their theatrical shopping list. If you object to playing a game of follow-your leader called "the Mexican lion's roar", then Elly Brewer and Sandi Toksvig's burlesque Midsummer Night's Dream is not for you. But if you think it fun to leap from your seat, fling up your arms, and growl very loudly just after your neighbour has done the same, perhaps you deserve a trip to the Albery. At least you can tell yourself that, populist though the RSC sometimes may be, this is not the sort of thing that happens when they do the Pyramus and Thisbe scene at the

Barbican. The pretence is that the Henry Irving Strolling Players have lost most of their members to the local pub. All that remain are Louisa Rix, their bitchy Hippolyta, and Phelim McDermott, the scrawny ham performing Theseus. But not for nothing are two telly comics, Mike McShane and Toksvig herself, playing the company manager and the stage manager respectively. Soon they have been corralled into doing their share of Shakespeare's roles, as have Clive Mantle, a dopey carpenter, and Lee Simpson, a fly, smirking amateur plucked from the stalls.

Plots or plotlets vestigially appear. Rix fancies Simpson, who fancies himself. McShane has bet the night's takings on the dogs. McDermott wants to impress a visiting talent scout. But the authors develop these ideas about as coherently and completely as they treat Shakespeare himself. Much of the original text is intact: but from the moment an obese Philostrate totters on, wearing a preposterous ginger wig and waving an inexplicable Union Jack, you know that the Dream itself is mainly to be

The Pocket Dream Albery

an excuse for crowd-pleasing knockabout.

Actors biff each other and do worse things to their lines. Toksvig's Puck gets airsick as she bangs and crashes above the stage on her wires. Mc-Shane's Oberon rolls about in a vast grass dressing gown. Rix's Titania loses her wig to a wooer's enmeshed fingers. Mantle's lubricious Bottom, when asked for a ditty, launches himself into "The Sound of Music". The lovers mime games of snooker and wrestling matches. Hairy fairies dance in winged tutus. The set revolves, sending performers spin-ning. The play spins, sending me

What I revolved was this. Why had I laughed so much when a performance went spectacularly awry in Noises Off, and yet was raising barely a chuckle at Pip Broughton's un-doubtedly skilful production? Perhaps because the touring company in Michael Frayn's play was desperately trying to get its act right — so often the formula for good farce — while these Thespians were obviously trying to get their act as wrong as possible. The more feverish they became, the less funny they were. And the more selfconsciously foolish the result, the more I wished they would trust Shakespeare just a little.

After all, actors have sometimes brought the Dream hilariously to life simply by playing the lines and situa-tions with art and wit. Is the Bard made more accessible by ostentatiously shoving a red nose and silly whiskers on his face? Quite the contrary.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Knockabout: Puck (Sandi Toksvig) and Oberon (Mike McShane)

DANCE

The breaks are lucky

Scènes/Monotones Covent Garden

WHEN is injury not the most terrifying hazard of a dancer's life? When it claims someone else as victim and draws an understudy into centre stage. Injury is a well established way for the aspiring to strike lucky.

So it was that Monday's triple bill was a merry-go-round of substitutions, and William Trevitt danced the male lead in Ashton's Scènes de ballet, opposite Fiona Chadwick. Those able to overcome the Royal Opera House's appalling sight-lines will have seen that he confirmed tive, medium-height physique and quietly assertive presence served a capable all-round technique rather than outstanding excellence in any one area. Particularly welcome was the emphasis he brought to epaulement, the shading of torso important in the Ashton style.

Trevitt re-appeared in Gymnopedies trio of Ashton's Monotones, replacing an injured Michael Nunn, himself announced to replace an injured Robert Hill. The whole piece looked much improved, with Bryony Brind now settled into her Gymnopédies convolutions and a

RIDE have enjoyed a brief but charmed life. Since forsaking art college in 1989, they have moved smoothly from acclaimed first single, to the front cover of the pop papers, to 1991's brightest hopes. Now they have a second album, more critical applause, and a large, devoted following.

Their pretty looks and prettier melodies mark this four piece band out for success, and their live performance demonstrated a considerable technical assurance, even as their songs evoked a noisy anxiousness.

Their music synthesizes Sixties psychedelic music with the gloomier and louder ruminations of a band such as the Jesus and Mary Chain. Haunting harmonies and melodies

new cast for the trio of Gnossiennes. At last the crucial symmetries could come to light with the precise spacing and rock steady arabesques of Bonnie Moore, Peter Abegglen and, especially, Larissa Bamber.

The most spectacular consequence of Nunn's injury came with William Forsythe's In the middle, somewhat elevated. This time, though, it did not directly benefit a company member: the understudy was already injured. So Stephen Galloway from Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet had to fly in at less than 24 hours notice, after vigorously and unsuspectingly celebrating his birthday. His long limbs seemed to extend to infinity the bold sweeping lines of the choreography; his liquid flexibility underlined the hyperactive inflections of each small segment of

the body. Forsythe's piece does not wear thin with repeated viewings. On the conconstantly shifting patterns; the sen-sational geometry of the various pas de deux: the subtleties of phrasing where flashes of speed yield to sudden rallentandi. He has transformed the Royal Ballet's dancers into magnificent Olympian athletes.
The auditorium was fuller than on

previous nights, but the new or unfamiliar undoubtedly keeps the Covent Garden faithful away. The Royal Ballet needs a different audience: and that means moving house and lowering ticket prices.

NADINE MEISNER

Bare of all invention

Passion Sadler's Wells

PERHAPS this new show by the American company, Momix, is intended to demonstrate the old adage that nobody ever lost money by underestimating public taste. The turn-out for their opening night on Tuesday was bigger than several better companies have enjoyed at the Wells lately, and at the end people were whooping and screaming their

What explains this phenomenon? Surely not the music by Peter Gabriel, which alternates between screeching and booming sounds at one extreme and, at the other, a grossly enlarged version of the horrid crackly noise that escapes from other people's "personal" stereos. The score, incidentally, was written for Martin Scorsese's film, The Last Temptation of Christ, but you would need a strong imagination to hear or see anything of that subject in the production.

The movement repeats the sort of pointless exercises we have already seen quite often enough from Momix and its predecessor. Pilobolus: silly little runs, bouncing in circles, swinging and stretching and forming knots with other dancers. None of it is

particularly dever or meaningful or interesting; almost all of it is repeated to the point of mind-numbing boredom. The most frequent motil is probably that of the performers showing us their backsides, often with only a minuscule garment to cover our modesty (theirs must take care of

The action all takes place behind a big scrim, completely filling the proscenium arch. On this are projected a frequently-changing series of pictures. These are, at least, marginally more interesting than the choreography. A face turns into a tree, which in turn gives way to a bush, then what might be an owl's head. Vegetable and floral images predominate, but there are shots of details from various works of art, some abstract patterns, and all sorts of oddments

What they do not seem to have is any connection with each other, or with what the live performers can be seen (or sometimes only dimly glimpsed) to be doing behind them. Nor is there any sign of a developing theme. These lighting effects are slickly and efficiently done, but they are only decoration, flummery, trickery — and not a patch on the magically theatrical lighting which Alwin Nikolais's dance company brought to this theatre years ago.

it seemed much longer.

ROCK

Pretty gloomy tunes

UEA, Norwich

taken at a sedate pace, are juxtaposed with sturdy rock rhythms and frantic guitar cords. The cheery sounds of summer pop are mingled with storms

These disconcerting combinations are replayed in their set. "Making Judy Smile", an infectious, classic pop song from their new album, is followed by "No Where", a grindingly slow roar. Their current single, "Leave Them Behind", is performed against a back projection of swirling orange and purple spirals, while other songs are treated to harsh strobe

What remain consistent throughout, though, are the vocal harmonies of guitarists Andy Bell and Mark Gardener. Their tunes and chants, which cross the Byrds with early Pink Floyd, create a mood of lazy melan-

choly.

Their songs work best as sound-

JOHN PERCIVAL tracks to youthful disquiet. The lyrics themselves seem to add very linle -"If I crawl across the floor, then I'd be closer to that door", they observe in "OX4". Nothing even as vaguely solid as a relationship puts in an

There is one redeeming feature. It is all over in an hour and a quarter. But

appearance. Instead Ride romanticise private life in the Thames Valley by transposing it to a mythical San Fernando Valley. Thus, as Mark Gardener pummelled his Rickenbacker guitar and shook his shoulder-length hair. he looked to be a long way from home. but the cleverly balanced set and winning tunes suggested that Ride know exactly where they want to be

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Richard Cork on an exhibition revealing how Van Gogh's

three years in England inspired his later work

attered and streaked with mud, a pair of bulky black boots dominate the first painting in the Barbican Art Gallery's survey of Van Gogh in England. They look misshapen enough to be discarded. But the crisp, stabbing energy of Vincent's brushwork implies that they are still roadworthy. For this is the footwear of an artist committed to journeying. He thought nothing of walking 100 miles from Rams-gate to Welwyn, and his fondness for the boots will ensure that he uses them until they collapse.

The painting's emblematic power sums up the dogged resolve of the young man who came to London in May 1873. But the fact that A Pair of Boots was painted more than a decade later indicates the challenge confronting anyone organising an exhibition about Van Gogh's three-year stay in this country. Apart from a few tentative drawings, he produced no art during this formative period. So how can a show convey the significance of his English sojourn without the assistance of his own contemporaneous paintings?

The answer soon becomes absorbingly clear. Although the 20-year-old pastor's son had not committed himself to an artist's life when he arrived in London, Van Gogh was already voraciously feeding off visual images. Working at Goupil's, a prominent picture dealer, gave him daily access to paintings, engravings and photographic reproductions he admired. Jacob Maris's A Drawbridge exemplifies the kind of picture Goupil's sold, and it bears an intriguing resem-blance to Van Gogh's later paint-ings of the Langlois drawbridge in

The rest of the Barbican survey proves that the pictures Vincent admired in England had a slowburning effect, finally igniting his imagination years after he saw them. The most important of these images have been reassembled here, in a deliberately crowded section with deep red walls which evokes the displays favoured at the Royal Academy when Van Gogh visited them. The images he liked



Echoes of English social realism? Vincent Van Gogh's Interior with Weaver, 1884, on loan from Museum Boymans-van Bueningen, Rotterdam, to the Barbican

did not, surprisingly, adhere to the social realist thinking which later fired his paintings of weavers and peasant life. At this stage, Vincent's religious fervour inclined him towards pictures such as George Boughton's God Speed! Exhibited at the Academy in 1874, this winsome canvas shows a pilgrim setting out on a journey through an evening landscape, punctuated by self-consciously poetic birch and

To our eyes, it is nothing more than a cloying exercise in prettified piety. Van Gogh, however, thought otherwise. "Truly", he wrote to his brother Theo, "it is not a picture but an inspiration."

Another work to excite Van Gogh's enthusiasm in England was Gustave Dore's richly illustrated London - A Pilgrimage, where the pictures take the reader on a nightmarish odyssey through a metropolis blighted by deprivation of the most distressing kind. Vincent's conscience was profoundly

affected by the poverty, overcrowd-ing and despair he encountered on his own epic walks through the city. While living a relatively cushioned existence on an annual salary of £90, he identified more

and more with the most downcast members of society. Soon after seeing God Speed! he experienced wretchedness of his own as well. Having blurted out his love for Eugenie Loyer, the daughter of his landlady at 87 Hackford Road, Brixton, Van Gogh was summarily rejected. He succumbed to depres-

Although he only decided to become an artist in the early 1880s, many of the preoccupations governing his mature work took root in England. The exhibition offers a fascinating and unfamiliar couple of paintings, from 1885 and 1886, in which he takes a lonely journey subject and charges it with potent pictorial conviction. In the end, however, the black-

found in The Graphic and the Illustrated London News provided a more direct source of inspiration for his work. The social realist images by Holl, Herkomer and Fildes, with their command of sinewy line and impassioned concern for the plight of the poor, corresponded with Vincent's hopes for his own art.

en years after his arrival in London, he purchased an almost complete run of The Graphic at auction in The Hague. "I have been looking at them far into the night," he wrote excitedly, describing how "all my memories of London came back to me . . . There is something stimulating and invigorating like old wine about those striking, powerful and virile drawings."

He cut out his favourite engravings and pasted them on grey or brown paper. Still preserved in Amsterdam's Van Gogh and-white engravings Van Gogh Museum, they have been lent to the

Barbican and displayed alongside his early paintings of peasant heads. The links between Vincent's work and William Small's The British Rough, or Mathew Ridley's The Miner, are persuasive indeed. The heads culminated in his early masterpiece, The Potato Eaters, which can only be represented in the show by an outsize colour

The Barbican has, however, managed to borrow the most compelling of all his London-inspired paintings. At first sight, Van Gogh's Chair would seem to bear no relation to English illustrators at all. A simple straw-seated chair, it shows Vincent at his most sturdy and rough-hewn. The pipe and tobacco pouch add a homely feeling, but the dizzily up-ended floor, combined with the harsh contours of the tiles dividing its surface, convey a less reassuring emotion. In this respect, the painting owes

a debt to Luke Fildes's The Empty

Chair, drawn in Charles Dickens's

Holl, William Small, etc." In the light of those words, Van Gogh's Chair takes on a tragic significance. It was painted just before his suicide attempt, and within two years he would be dead himself. Maybe the severely depressed artist regarded the chair painting as his own memorial, as

study after the novelist's death. Van

Gogh loved this picture, printed in

The Graphic. Dickens was his

favourite English writer, and he

bought a copy of The Empty Chair

after reading Edwin Drood in

1882. The pathos of the engraving

prompted Vincent to tell Theo that

sooner or later there will be

nothing but empty chairs in place of Herkomer, Luke Fildes, Frank

well as testifying to the nourishment of English images which he called "one of the highest and noblest expressions of art". Van Gogh in England — Portrait of

the Artist as a Young Man, at the Barbican Art Gallery (071-638 4141) until May 4.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

• BULGARIAN ART: This extraordinary show of more than 200 works by 60 artists dazzles and confuses, since the pieces it contains, some brilliantly original, some repellent kitsch, firmly refuse categorisation.

Gagliardi, 509 King's Road. London SW10 (071-352 3663). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, until May 23.

• DENZIL FORRESTER: At the end of a museum tour which has included Preston. Newcastle, Lincoln and Stirling, Forrester's show comes finally to London. It is rare for so young an artist (35) to be so extensively shown, but Forrester, who comes from Grenada, fully justifies it with powerful images, sometimes prismatically coloured, sometimes starkly monochromatic, reflecting his international background and his fascination with disco culture.

Agi Katz Fine Art, Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, London NW8 (071-624 1126). Wed-Sat, Ham-6pm, until March 28.

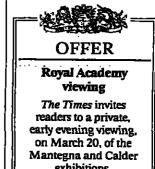
• BRICE MARDEN -PRINTS: Emerging in New York in the Fifties, Marden was more or less obliged to be an Abstract Expressionist at the beginning of his career. But he soon moved to a more severe, minimal style. His prints, many of the finest in black and white, go more or less in parallel with his paint-ings, and collectively make up one of the most important bodies of graphic work in recent American art.

Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat. 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, until June 21.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Clearly, not all flesh is grass, at least in Cornwall

bright moon illumi-A nates a craggy Cornish coastal path; the sea boils and crashes on the rocks below. Two young cousins in evening clothes clutch one another in the moonlight, exhaustedly panting after a daring race along the cliffs. It is the summer of 1939, and the threat of war sizzles in the air. Their bodies heave together (in close frontal contact) and the night seems set for love. But what's this? "Eek," says the glossy blonde girl, looking down. "Oliver, what's that?"

"It's me," he drawls laconically, with a curled lip. "It's my cock. I've got an erection. I want to poke it into you." Collapse of romantic expectations in viewers. Thank goodness Daphne du Maurier didn't live to see this day. Last night's first instalment

of Mary Wesley's The Camomile Lawn (Channel 4) was a perplexing affair, to be honest. For a story confessing to be "all about sex" it was certainly blunt (how often do you see the "woman being fitted with diaphragm' scene?) but it was about as erotic as a powdered egg sandwich eaten under a gasmask. In two hours it established a score of vividly differentiated characters (mostly related to one another, in

complex ways) and gave a few heavy hints as to what would happen to them in the next 40 years.

But what was all the joyless sex about? Surely not just to make the point "We were all young once"? Or "We did it a lot in the war, because there was nothing on the telly"? Surely Sir Peter Hall would not go to all the bother and expense of recreating wartime station-platforms (steam, bustle, people with labels on their coats) if the young protagonists of The Camomile Lawn are all so matter-of-fact about sex that they have no romance anywhere in their hearts?

We shall see what develops. In the meantime, there is plenty of plot to be going along with. The fact that the dramatis personae sounds like something from an Enid Blyton adventure (Aunt Helena and Uncle Richard: plus the cousins Oliver, Calyoso, Polly, Walter, little Sophy, and not forgetting "the and not forgetting Twins") is mere unhappy

coincidence. The heartless, beautiful Ca-lypso (Jennifer Ehle) reacts to the outbreak of war by marrying a rich Scottish MP, and then flashing her lipstick at servicemen at the Savoy. The emotionally stunted Oliver (Toby Stephen) keeps turning

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Helena (Felicity Kendal) and Richard (Paul Eddington)

up in London between dangerous campaigns and de-manding, in vain, that Calypso sleep with him. And the cool no-nonsense Polly (Tara Fitzgerald) gets fitted with a diaphragm and starts using men for a crash course in sexual inquiry, possibly in pursuance of a credit in an Open University degree.

The only people shown actually enjoying sex are Aum Helena (Felicity Kendal) and Max (Oliver Cotton) - but of course Max is an inspirational Austrian Jewish refugee violinist with wild frizzy hair, which obviously affords him the right. Also, poor Aunt Helena has been lumbered for 20 years with Uncle Richard (Paul Eddington), which explains why she is all pursed-up and ready for action. You see, Uncle Richard lost a leg in the Great War. and is prone to helpless blusterings, such as "I ask you!" and "If it weren't for

My Leg!". Searching deep into the sub-text, one suspects that this marks him as an unexciting lover. But on the other hand it also makes him one of the most enjoyable characters on screen, because his lines sound wittier than everyone

else's. "It seemed better for Sophy to be with a woman," he shrugs, when his wife speeds home to Cornwall

muity? To judge from the marked differences in the performance styles, it is about the twain that not only never meet, but never exchange Christmas cards, either. The older characters — Helena, Richard, Max — are played in a robust naturalistic style, comfortable to television; while the young people (par-ticularly Calypso and Oliver) seem to have steeped straight out of a Nicholas Craig masterclass for wartime British film acting, still waving the ink dry on their certifi-

to look at, in a radiant, Meryl Streep kind of way, and she is surely the star of the show. But her affected Celia Johnson accent ("I'm not a girl who ken love") can soon start to drive you bananas.

(from London) in an emergency. "I can't do much, not with My Leg." s The Camomile Lawn about continuity between generations, or disconti-

contemporaries. cates. It is distinctly odd. Jennifer Ehle is transfixing

LYNNE TRUSS

ROCK RECORDS

Box makes a good case

than they did in 1972: more

than can be said for a previ-

ontenders for the title of most reviled person in rock are not thin on the ground but Yoko Ono must surely be shortlisted. Is this fair and just?

Looking at her credentials from the point of view of the average rock punter, we might consider the following: she was, supposedly, the woman who broke up the Beatles; she inherited John Lennon's fortune and controls his estate; she is a Japanese feminist, with a past history as a conceptual artist; she sings like a cat with a crushed tail and has written songs with an unequalled embarrassment factor. Why should any sane person wish to buy a definitive six-CD box

set of her music? It is my belief that much of Yoko Ono's unpopularity is founded on thinly disguised racism, sexism and ignorance. The singing, however, is another matter. Here again

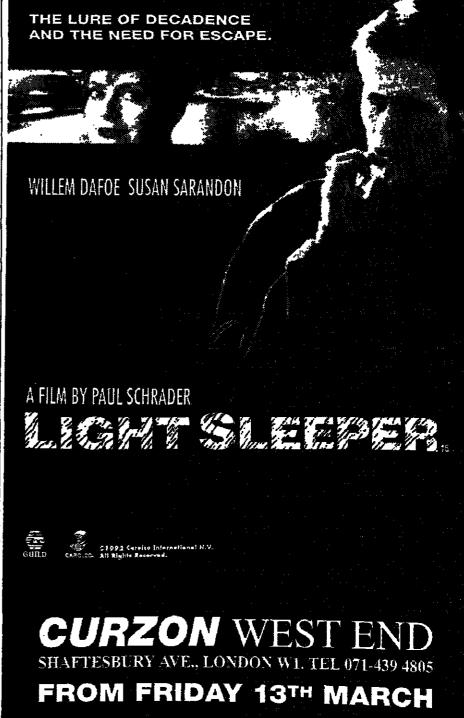
Many of the tracks from Disc 1, London Jam, were originally released as a companion to John Lennon's first solo LP in 1970. The albums were packaged with almost identical covers, sharing some similarities in their sound and their adherence to the Primal Scream theories of Dr Arthur Janov.

"Why" is a good example of the Janov effect, plunging us into the music at a peak intensity which few rock records have matched. The playing is stripped of decoration and Ringo Starr drums like a man with visions of punk and disco buzzing around his head. Lennon's guitar is a revelation throughout. He sounds more driven, less bound by the cliches of the instrument, than any of his more celebrated guitarist

There is a strong sense in these recordings that the Lennons were working to a common goal John recognised the relationship be-tween Ono's ululating, wordless swoops and screeches and his own desire to push rock beyond its limitations. Later tracks from this per-

iod, released on a 1971 album called Fly, are more controlled and self-conscious in their experimentation, yet effective. From there on, the going becomes treacherous. New York Rock is made up

ously unreleased album called A Story. Some of the Yoko Ono: Onobox (Rykodisc RCD 10224-29) tracks on Kiss, Kiss, Kiss are equally excruciating, but even of tracks from a double alhere there is "Walking On bum originally called Approximately Infinite Universe. They sound better now Thin Ice" to remind us that Yoko's work has an intensity and honesty too rare in rock. DAVID TOOP



Politics and the lost generation

Alice Thomson finds the youth of a key constituency left yawning by election fever

ary Ghattas worries about the state of the ozone layer, the old lady down her street, Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons and finding a cure for cancer. But on election night she will be fast asleep. At 19, she has had enough of politicians. "I don't see the point of it. They are all mouth and trousers. They keep saying they will do things and none of them do. I think they do

more harm than good," she says. More than four million 18-22year-olds have the right to vote for the first time in the impending general election. They could decide the outcome - but it is notoriously difficult to overcome

their apathy.

The Mitcham and Morden constituency in south London is regarded by all parties as a barometer of political opinion. The seat was created in 1974 and was a marginal Labour constituency until 1982, when the Falklands factor and the unpopularity of London Labour gave it to the Conservatives in a by-election. Labour now need a 5 per cent swing to take Mitcham and

The constituency has none of the rambling houses of neighbouring Wimbledon or the tower blocks of Streatham. The people are solidly middle class, they commute into central London and Croydon during the week and enjoy the local golf course and their back gardens at weekends. There is a growing ethnic population and a couple of council house estates.

chance. Unemployment is running at 10.8 per cent. double the figures for 1990. The council is the only big employer, most of the jobs come from small shops and businesses, many of which have collapsed. High unemployment and rising crime have taken their toll. The young have been particularly hard hit by lack of jobs.

The young in Mitcham and Morden are not impressed that they could hold the key to such a vital marginal. After a day spent talking to 18 to 22-year-olds in the area, the impression was one of cynicism and ignorance. Few were interested in party politics though some cared about specific issues; racism, the environment. Aids. drug abuse and sexism. Most just want a job and money for

"Budget, what Budget?" Even heard of the Budget. But mention the price of cigarettes or a pint of beer and they all had views. A few sheets on her bed when I was born organic meat and vegetables,



Target audience: Dean Wade (left), and Stephen Smith are typical of the generation that party politicians must win over in order to succeed in Mitcham and Morden

Angela Rumbold, though no one knew that she was minister of state at the Home Office. Merton College is one of the oldest technical colleges in the country with 5.000 full and part-time students. Lunchtime in the canteen and no one wants to talk politics. Samantha Austin, aged 18, feels her friends are being irresponsible. She has decided to watch all the political broadcasts and see which she prefers. Her father is an air traffic controller and her mother is a ledger clerk. Miss Austin wants to be a chef in the navy. Like-4.000 other people in the constitu-

could name their present MP.

Conservatives, but she thinks that they will vote Labour, "We never talk about politics but my father is always saying what a "I just don't think Labour can do any better. My mother had paper

ency, her parents have bought their council house under the

'I don't vote, I don't understand politics and I don't want to have any responsibility when things go wrong'

and that was under a Labour

government." She does not think any of the parties will do much for women or ethnic minorites. "I am black and a woman, the politicians are white and male, they don't understand about discrimination because it is something you just feel.

"If I were a politician I would treat everyone as equals, politely and with respect so that I set an example I would ask people to recycle all their rubbish and I would give the young jobs so that they can be given a chance to prove themselves. I think SLD

At Deen City Farm, an inner city farm set up in 1973 which sells

David Rock, aged 21, has just been mucking out the goats. He left his job as a civil servant a year ago and can't find another job, despite sending out 500 hand-written applications.

"I get income support and £10 a week for this job. But at least it keeps me busy, and by living at home rent free I can just about get by on £31 a week," he says. "Our family has always voted Tory but I don't třímk I can. I'll vote Labour. They seem more concerned about

Mr Rock feels his generation is being ignored by the politicians. inheriting this earth and none of the parties are doing anything to make it a better place. They are only interested in finance. I think there is more to life than money, you never hear about the minister for social affairs, it's always that treasury man.

Merton Abbey Mills is the biggest success story of the 1980s in the area. The old cotton mills by the River Wandle have been turned into the Covent Garden of Mischam, with quaint bookshops and pottery stalls and jugglers performing in the summer.

Late afternoon and Gary Blair, aged 22, a chef, is preparing pizza dough at the Gourmet Pizza Company. "I don't vote, I don't understand politics and I don't want to have any responsibility when things go wrong," he says.

25. 18 to 24-year-olds are less likely to vote than any other age group. Twenty-three per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds polled said they would vote Conservative, 29 per cent are committed to Labour and 8 per cent would vote for the Liberal Democrats. Thirty-four per cent are still undecided or will Martin Minns is head of the

ducted between February 21 and

youth department at Conservative Central Office and is now busy wooing first-time voters across the "We don't like to country. patronise them, we treat them like adults. They will vote for whichever party makes them better off like all other voters, but their vote is vital," he says. "I think our ace card is John Major. Without question he appeals to the young.

he Labour party has produced a charter for young people which promises better housing facilities, student benefits and employment opportunities. The Liberal Democratic party has a leaflet called: "Politics — What's the point?" and has pledged better training and education programmes. All the parties agree that they are going to have an uphill battle enticing young people to the polling

Nine o'clock in the evening on London Road, Morden, and Dean Wade, aged 22, and Stephen Smith, aged 19, are cleaning out the goldfish in the video shop. "I would vote Conservative. Labour hasn't got itself together and they are not a fit party to take us into Europe. Mr Kinnock seems outdated now compared to Mr Major," says Mr Smith, who is

working in the shop part-time. He went to John Major's old school. Rutlish school, and is now reading business, law and politics at Weybridge College and wants to to Manchester University. "Labour is not being democratic when it says it wants to scrap private schools and private health care. We need a choice to give us hadn't brought in student loans." Mr Wade, the manager, pro-"I didn't know you were into olitics," he says to his colleague.

via Winchester in search of jobs. "Britain has had it. This place is

quiet now, people can't afford

pizzas. We get old people who are qualified teachers, bankers and

accountants asking if they can wait tables. I don't think any

The Pollards Hill Estate on the

other side of the constituency was

built in the 1950s. It has a high

crime rate and little except a pub

and a youth centre by way of entertainment. Matt and Keith.

both aged 22 and part-time work-

ers in a garage, are playing snooker in the Horse and Groom.

Neither of them will be voting at

the election because they have not

paid the poil tax. "I would vote Conservative if I could because I

hate Neil Kinnock," Matt says.

"But I trust John Major, he's one

of the boys, he wears safety pins in

his suits, doesn't he? I just hope he

doesn't put up tax on fags, booze

According to a Mori poll con-

and cars.

government can help."

nounces himself "gobsmacked". He has not thought how he will Labour. "I don't think a state school is much of a choice and the NHS is a downright lottery. When my mother had an emergency back operation they were wonderful but my sister nearly died of

"Shops are closing down every day along this street. The Conservatives can't seem to get themselves together on the economy. How can you be so sure about them," he says.

"They tax you on everything and when you die they want more. They took £40,000 from my uncle. I think we'd better stick to talking about football and films."

Boarderline cases

neaking and bullying will be on the curriculum this weekend, when a group of grown men goes back to public school: not to teach, but as pupils.

The course for "boardingschool survivors" is supervised by Nick Duffell, a psychotherapist and a former border at Radley, and Rob Bland, a writer, formerly at Christ's Hospital. This time around, the boys are revisiting childhood only in their minds, while they remain physically at an outpost of London University, in Hampstead.

'It is a platitude that people from boarding schools recog-nise one another by their selfconfidence," Mr Duffell says. In his private practice, he says, he began to notice that some identify each other in a different way: through what he describes as "a quality of woundedness". He stresses he is not against sending child-ren away for schooling. "I would suggest that some boarding schools could bene-fit some children after the age of 14. But not until puberty does a child's peer group become more important than its family.

"My aim is simply to enable men to share their experiences of boarding," he says. Modest enough, yet Mr Duffell believes this subverts the first and fiercest taboo instilled by the traditional British school. Tell anyone about a disturbing episode, and you are a sneak. If the course allows people to break this code in safety. Mr Duffell reasons, perhaps the emotional legacy can be unravelled.

Having found it difficult to thread my way through the assorted sneaks and creeps in ten years boarding at Mariborough, I decided to attend the last course. It drew a familiar cross-section of publie school products: a televison-news producer, a rock impresario, a former convict. The con had walked from the door of one boarding institution straight through the slightly more

secure portals of the next.

Mr Duffell asked each of us

Old boys come to terms at last with the alma mater

why we had come. Most of the 16 participants, ranging from their early twenties to late fifties, were unable to answer directly. Some spoke vaguely of a sinking feeling on Sunday evenings, the time when as children they were habitually deposited back at school. Others said they wanted to beat up bullies wherever they found them in adult life. Toasted Tom Browns were not the only ones represented. One or two guilt-struck Flashmans admitted abusing

smaller boys. Last of all, a tweedy man in his fifties described with a level voice how every day for

'Boarders recognise one another by a quality of woundedness'

five years he had been forced by his pre-school headmaster to stand last in queues, and been humiliated in front of other pupils. How did he put up with it? "My nanny believed that if one cried, one should be left alone and learn not to complain. I learnt well," he said.

Structure was hard to discern during the course, which lasted two weekends, a month apart. Discussion of specific school memories - heroes and villains, say - merged with group exercises. Mr Duffell's technique seemed aimed at altering our attitude to the feelings aroused by

each memory. Early on, we were asked to adopt the role our mothers had played in deciding our fates. Embarrassment had long since evaporated. Men who had earlier denounced

sadistic masters, now began

fluting: "He is so happy there, his teachers tell me." Then the fathers had their turn: "Of course, I hated it too. Blubbed my heart out first. But it did me all the good in the world." The cliches flowed. Some said they fell relief at being able at last to absolve their parents. Others feared they would repeat the

Are parents still as deaf to their children's unhappiness? "The youngest man to have come of the course was 18, the eldest 67," Mr Duffell says. "Mostly it is those in their thirties. That may be an indicator." Nor is it only men who leave public school with mixed feelings. Later in the year Mr Duffell intends to start a series of courses for

A month later, the group

was bolder. When asked if

their attitudes to boarding school had altered in the break, they cut across their earlier obfuscations. If there was consensus, it was that the memories had flooded back. and seemed more immediate. "Imagine how you would feel now, if you walked back through the school gates," said Mr Bland, towards the end. Some spoke of experiencing a new compassion for children who are sent away. When he opened his eyes, one participant said he had blown away his prep-school headmaster and matron with a shotgun, then lined up classmates along a cliff-edge, before pushing them off, one by one. "Great!" Mr Bland gig-

Six months later, what has altered? I recently remarked to a contemporary that I had attended the course. "I would never spend a weekend with a group of men on a course," he said. "Too much like going back to school." He mentioned, before the subject changed, that he intended putting any child from his new marriage down at birth for our alma mater. The oldschool tie still binds him. My reaction now? The mention of public school bores me.

ALEC RAINGER

From virginal icing to fruity interior, the centrepiece of a wedding is more than a piece of cake nybody contemplat-**Cultural history,**

slice by slice

A ing an Easter wedding might do well to avoid ing an Easter wedding the anthropology shelf of the anthropology shell of their local university book-shop. Simon Charsley, a Glasgow lecturer on social anthropology and an expert on wedding rites, has come up with Wedding cakes and cultural history. The book is a towering, multi-tiered argument, supported on pillars of academic method and lavishly iced with footnotes.

But if brides and their mothers might be more serene without the book, the rest of us can revel in it. Mr Charsley tries hard to remain a sober academic but cheerfulness keeps breaking through. He first became cake conscious while re-searching an earlier book on marriage rituals in Glasgow. "At first I thought it was just a dull predictable object, like everyone else does. Then I realised that the cake, this monstrous thing looming out of the past, has a story of its own and a whole series of meanings," he says. Munch-ing thoughtfully through his research and rifling through historical records, he pursued the subject with rigour. "My wife", he adds earnestly, "gave me many useful point-ers about icing." No crumb of the subject escapes his

scrutiny. So at one moment he is refuting the Structuralist theory of the wedding cake (it says a wedding cake can be interpreted as a pile of biscuits - no. don't ask me). The next minute he is well away in a medley of history and anecdote so bizarrely suggestive that any self-respecting girl might resolve to restrict her wedding breakfast to Big Macs and black coffee. Anything rather than find yourself thinking back to the 1665 instructions for a "Bride Pye" containing cocks' testicles. oysters, veal sweethreads and a live snake "to pass away

The history is not all that startles: although I was much taken by the rural custom in which the oldest inhabitant of the village "throws a plateful of shortbread over the bride's head" after the ceremony. with attendants scrambling



Tiers before bedtime: the traditional wedding cake carries a multitude of messages

for the crumbs to put under their pillows so they can dream of sweethearts. Sometimes it was "a sieve containing bread and cheese" which assailed the bridal hairdo. Nor will a modern girl blush though she might grind her teeth - at the undeniable fact that the looming great plum-cake is a blatant symbol of herself. Hence the general

excitement and approval

when she and the groom plunge the knife together into the virgin icing. Cake-makers, says the author, have always had a problem: either the icing is so virtuously hard you buckle the knife, or so easy and yielding the pillars sink in and it can't carry the responsibilities of a top tier for the future baby. Shucks, we girls just can't get it right. But the bride might quail at

some of the mutations indeed, the logical extensions
— of the British "Edwardian" traditional cake. In Bangalore they turn out huge tiered cakes made of iced cardboard, with a wedge of fruit cake inserted into the base for realistic cutting. In Japan they have also cottoned on to the fact that nobody particularly likes eating weddingcake, so build elaborate but

"Even the icing is hard wax," Mr Charsley says. "A decorated knife has to be thrust into a slot at the back of the 'cake'. A mechanism may then respond with a dramatic cloud of steam." No. on the whole, don't tell the bride about

How the whole thing got so out of hand is fascinating to trace. Mr Charsley sees the 20th century cake as having come together out of different traditions: the medieval habit of feasting on rich fruit cake, the 18th century develop-ment of icing, and the "Puri-tan diversion of a white wedding, which was devised entirely to disguise the sexual theme of marriage". Most of all, the towering cake is a survival of the Victorian mania for piling up all dishes in formal pyramids.

omehow, the cake Strikes a chord: as Mr Charsley says, everyone creates their own symbolism around it. I tried, but could only get the image of a tiny bride and groom teetering on an improbable pinnacle of happiness, while their friends and relatives nibble away at the structure that supports them. "See?" he said. "Everyone creates their own symbols." ·

But cakes are changing. Mr Charsley puts this down to social evolution and sugarpaste technology. "As marriage ceases to be a standard contract and becomes a very personal arrangement. the standard wedding-cake will decline," he says. "You get softer, more individual outlines with sugarpaste." He cites a couple, each with children from a previous marriage, whose cake was "surmounted by a delightful model in natural colours, of themselves together on a settee with their new combined family perched around them". It is not suggested where divorced spouses might feature on such a cake. Perhaps they could be disgruntled caryatids, holding up the top tier while their feet sink dangerously into the icing below.

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Serving a sentence of hard labour

A Commons report has focused concern on the rival merits of home or hospital delivery. Liz Gill asks whether too much medical intervention at birth could be a cause of post-natal problems

nowing that only a couple of generations ago her chances of dying in childbirth would have been high, today's new mother may feel it appears ungrateful to complain about a

few post-natal piles. Yet such ailments, along with backaches, headaches, depression, extreme fatigue and stress incontinence (an occasional loss of bladwomen's lives for years. And a recent survey by Birmingham University, Health After Childbirth, estimates that at least one symptom may affect nearly half the 650,000 women who have

The debate over modern birth practices arose again this week with the report of the Commons Select Committee on Health which called for more home deliveries and an expanded role for midwives. Such moves, some ex-perts believe, could improve not only a woman's experience of labour but her long-term health.

The whole area of post-natal well-being has been neglected, according to Dr Cathryn Glazener, a Welkome research fellow in the subject at the health service's research unit at Aberdeen University. Yet, she says, it is an area that can have a profound effect on mothers and babies and subsequently on future generations. "If you have a bad experience you may react badly to your children and that can have longlasting effects in later life."

Although an obstetrician herself. Dr Glazener would welcome a move towards making midwives the primary carers, particularly if it ensured continuity of care. That would do more to improve post-natal health than any other measure," she says. "It would also hopefully mean fewer [Caesarean] sections and forceps deliveries, which tend to be initiated by legislation-wary doctors."

Dr Glazener, who is analysing the results of a study into the postnatal care of a thousand women, says the subject is very underresearched. "In ante-natal work you can see dramatic results; at delivery you can rescue the most appalling cases. But post-natal work is not life and death stuff."

Just because maternal mortality has in the main been cracked, she says, it is now assumed that you have the baby and just go away and get better. "Yet we found lots of physical symptoms - what you might call 'minor problems' but which mean many women are suffering things that may be painful or debilitating. At least one

seems to happen to almost everyone. These can add up." Physical ailments following childbirth are not the only area of neglect, says Dr Glazener. "There are also profound psychological changes in the transition to motherhood which the professionals do not prepare mothers for because even they do not properly under-stand them." A lot of post-natal

unrecognised because it is not an illness as such. Her survey studied women's health in the immediate period after birth as well as in the longer term. "Even if you are not chronically affected, what happens in the short term is still very important,"

she says. "I had a lot of problems

depression, she believes, goes

'In many cases women are still so rushed. They are treated like greyhounds

myself breast-feeding my first baby which went on for months and because of them it took me a long time to adjust to her."

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The Birmingham report also looked at the frequency and range of such problems among its 11,700 subjects, of whom around 40 per cent were first-time mothers. It concentrated on symptoms that arose within three months of a birth and lasted more than six weeks. The most distant delivery it. covered was nine years.

Conditions such as pains or weakness in the limbs, visual disturbances, migraines, dizziness and tingling sensations in the hands affected between one and three per cent of mothers. Others were far more common, including backache (14 per cent), haemorroids (8 per cent), depression (9.1 per cent) and extreme fatigue (12.2 per cent).

The study also examined the connection such problems may have with anaesthesia and obstetric procedures as well as the age. social class and marital status of the mother.

Dr Christine MacArthur, a research fellow in the department of public health and epidemiology at the university, points to a number of interesting associations that this area of the study turned up. "Headaches, for instance, were associated with epidurals only when backache occurred as well. Similarly, neck ache was only

was back pain too; otherwise it was linked with long labour." Fatigue, on the other hand, tended to be linked to social factors, particularly single parenthood; haemorrhoids with delivery

associated with epidurals if there

factors such as a longer labour and a bigger baby; stress incontinence with older mothers. Researchers excluded any comlaints that had existed before the birth and any that could not be precisely dated, so the incidence

may be even greater than the report suggests.
"At the moment we do not know how severe these symptoms are or their effect on women's lives," says Dr MacArthur, who has three children of her own. What they do know is that a lot of women do not go to their doctors. Of the 14 per cent who had stress incontinence, only a third went back to their

doctors for help. Women may be too stoical, she says. "I am sure that happens. You have a friend who has something similar and you think, 'Oh well, that's it, we just have to put up with

"Of course some people will say the opposite; that it is just women being neurotic. But if that were the case, those who complained about anxiety and depression would be more likely to complain about other symptoms as well and there was no indication of that."

She regards the study as a starting point for other, more detailed, research. "At this stage we can only say there are associa-tions, not causes. These are hypotheses for further testing. We want to look at the severity and the impact on quality of life." There are also cultural aspects to be researched. A lot of women reporting pains in the limbs, for example, were Asian, and many Asians in Britain have diets deficient in vitamin D which is not compen-

Dr Joe Jordan, a spokesman for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, says the sort of symptoms highlighted by the study are often the stuff of musichall jokes. "Yet they are no joke to a new mother whose life has been turned upside down and who is in no condition psychologically to cope with any ailment." Suffering is not the automatic legacy of motherhood, he says.

sated for by sunlight.



Women on the edge of a nervous breakdown: childbirth can have damaging psychological as well as physical consequences

The actual problems mentioned in the survey are well recognised by obstetricians, according to Dr Jordan, but he and his colleagues were surprised to see how many women have them. He feels it has highlighted the importance of asking mothers about such prob-

lems when they attend check-ups. Sheila Kitzinger, a writer and researcher on birth and related issues, believes many of the problems stem from interventionist techniques. "Things have improved but in many cases women are still so rushed. They are treated

like greyhounds making for the finishing tape." The attitude of "the quicker the better", she believes, means labour is speeded up, pain relief is given

without thinking of long-term an's womb is not actually falling out system where the woman consequences and women are told out when she goes for her six-week delivers the baby in hospital but

Most episiotomies, Ms Kitzinger believes, are not necessary, but result from women being rushed through the second stage of labour. She encourages women to have a birth plan and to work closely with their carers so that

they can make informed choices. Where symptoms do occur, she says, they may be trivialised or brushed aside. Women often do not know what to expect, so do not protest. Furthermore, there is often no real follow-up. "If a worn-

can take if complaints arise from a long labour or a bigger baby or being older. While many conditions can be treated, women may not recognise them as medical conditions. "Extreme fatigue could be related to undiagnosed and untreated anaemia. But how many women go to the doctor with that thinking it might have a medical cause? she asks. "They think it's because they have been up half the night."

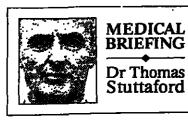
Dr Glazener believes the ideal is the "domino" (domiciliary in and

to push too hard, too soon. "Other mammals give birth without someone hovering over them shouting push, push, push all the check-up she is considered to be then returns home six hours later: throughout she is accompanied by the midwife who has overseen her shouting push, push, push all the doing well," says Ms Kitzinger.

Dr MacArthur is not sure what, shouting push, push all the if any, avoidance measures women the midwife who has overseen her entire pregnancy. "It is the person the midwife who has overseen her entire pregnancy." you relate to, not the place.

Studies such as hers and Dr MacArthur's raise questions about women returning to work when they are perhaps not fully restored to health. Certainly we should not expect superwomen, says Dr Glazener. "I think it takes at least a year to get back to normal and women who go back quickly can be vulnerable. On the other hand, it sometimes helps with this sense of shock if you go back to doing something you did before as your 'normal' self."

Male cancer that is ignored



THIS month doctors from all over the world will gather in London at the Institute of Urology to discuss the prostate. This is the gland in the male that encircles the urethra, the tube leading from the bladder.

The prostate secretes three-fifths of the seminal fluid. Its sexual function

and its position (it can only be felt through the rectum), mean that it rarely becomes the lead topic at dinner table conversation. But in this instance, silence has cost lives. Cancer of the prostate kills five times as many men as cancer of the cervix kills women, and is rapidly catching up with breast cancer as a cause of death. Despite these statistics, no visitor from Mars reviewing press reports or listening to government spokesmen as they quite rightly extol the virtues of screening for women would guess the

relative importance of these various Although it is little publicised. screening can detect cancer of the prostate. In recent years it has been

shown that a protein, the prostatic specific antigen (PSA), is secreted by the prostate in increasing quantities as the gland enlarges. The normal level of PSA is less than four ug/ml. but this increases slightly in the benign enlargement that affects the majority of men as they reach late middle age. If the PSA level reaches ten ug/ml, 70 per cent of the patients will have a significant cancer of the prostate. However, in older men small pockets of malignant cells can exist in the gland without significant

danger to the patient.

Men with a raised PSA should have the prostate examined by ultrasound and, if necessary, needle biopsy. If the tumour is localised, early

surgery gives a 65 per cent chance of surviving for ten years. As well as saving lives, a screening programme would reduce the number of men condemned to suffer lingering ill-

health, and pain, for years. By virtue of their age, or the nature of the disease, not all patients are suitable for radical surgery, and some do better with hormone treatment. But whatever the treatment selected, it is becoming apparent that neither the Institute of Urology nor the general public will accept that preventive screening should be restricted to women while their male partners are allowed to go uninvestigated and undiagnosed, in many cases to an

unnecessarily early grave.

Flying in danger

CANNY air travellers have always regarded in-flight meals with the gravest suspicion. Ready-prepared cold or recently re-heated food is tailor-made to act as a culture for any lurking saimonella, as several outbreaks of food poisoning have confirmed.

Anxious passengers, as they confine their nourishment to drinks (without ice if cold nobody knows where the water has come from) and cups of tea or coffee, may be tempted to seek consolation in music or films soundtracks through their headsets. But even this pleasure has now been spoils. Research by the American Naval Medical Research Institute, published in the journals Monitor and Laryngoscope, has demon-

breeding ground for bacteria. Even before the set of earphones was put on, more than 60 colonies of bacteria on average were cultured from them after an hour. With the addition of the listener's own existing bugs,

strated that headsets can be a

the colony count rose ten-fold. No disease was found to have been caused by the headsets, but some of the 51 different strains of bacteria that were isolated were potentially dangerous, and includ-ed Staphylococcus aureus and the dreaded Pseudomonas, both of which are frequent causes of wound infections in hospitals.





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Never take the risk

THE measles, mumps and rubella inoculation. MMR. was not available when 17year-old Nikky Kilbane of Liverpool caught measles as a two-year-old. Her attack of measles was soon forgotten but the virus lived on in her brain and last summer started to make its presence known.

Ms Kilbane's behaviour became disturbed, she complained of headaches, her speech was slurred and her movements were awkward and later restricted. She has now lapsed into coma.

She is suffering from subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE). The obvious incentive for parents to have their children inoculated when MMR was first introduced was to spare them an almost inevitably unpleasant disease which was frequently complicated by pneumonia. enteritis, damaged ears and eyes and occasionally enceph-

If this was not enough to persuade parents to take their



children to the clinic, this column suggested that the one-in-a-million chance of SSPE should decide the issue.

in Ms Kilbane's case, the incubation period was unusually long. Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis normally develops within five to ten years. Nobody knows what reactivates a virus, but her symptoms are fairly classic.

The patient's mood usually becomes contrary and awkward, school performance falls off and after several weeks or months of inexplicably disturbed behaviour. localising neurological signs can be detected. The patient will have fits, develop a spastic paralysis and lapse into coma. The diagnosis can be confirmed by electron microscopy and immunofluorescence, but there is no

in 1988 there were nearly 200 cases of measies, whereas in the last week of January this year, the peak period for the disease, there were only 182. SSPE is so horrendous. and so unexpected when it strikes, that it is astounding that even 182 parents have taken the risk of allowing their child to develop it.

Fox's friend pursues the voters

Brian Davies halted the Canadian babyseal hunt. Now he wants to stop British foxhunting. Michael McCarthy met him

rian Davies is probably not a well-known name in the shires, where the Pytchley, the Cottesmore and the Quorn hunt, but it is one

He is nothing like the Saturdayafternoon antis they know and loathe, but they will hate him far more, very likely, with his mid-Atlantic accent, his talk of direct mail shots and media buys and, especially, the photographs of him shaking hands with Britain's party

He seems the unlikeliest opponent of foxhunting ever to have stepped on to the British political stage. Burly, white-bearded and nattily dressed, fired with the message, and married to a glamorous woman named Gloria, who partners him in all his doings, he could pass for an American television evangelist. But Mr Davies's vocation is animal welfare. He is the man who, in a 20-yearcampaign, from 1964, ended the Canadian baby-seal hunt, a bloody annual harvest 250 years'

In the process the pressure group he founded grew into the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), which now claims nearly a million supporters in eight countries and an annual income from their donations of \$15 million, large parts of which are devoted to high-pressure publicity campaigns against animal cruelty around the world.

Now Mr Davies has come home, metaphorically, and turned his attention and money to the issue of hunting animals with hounds in Britain. He is spending. he says, £1 million on IFAW's antihunting campaign in the run-up to the general election.

The claim seems credible enough: his gruesome advertise-ments, "blood-spattered" images of the kill, can be seen covering full pages in national newspapers and on large hoardings.

Mr Davies, aged 57, is a Welshman who emigrated to Can-ada in 1955. By his own admission, he was an educational failure. After five years in the Canadian army, he was running a small local animal protection society when a documentary film awoke Canada to the reality of its seal hunt. This large-scale slaughter of harp seal pups, known as whitecoats, for their short-lived pure-white fur, took place on the ice at the mouth of the St Lawrence river.

Mr Davies became an observer of the hunt, then the leading campaigner against it, and then its eventual vanquisher. In the process he also became famous, influential, and affluent.

He denies that he is rich. He declines to disclose the salary he draws from the huge sums IFAW pulls in for its campaigns, solicited by direct mail, but he is clearly far from poor.

After official hostility drove him from Canada, he set up IFAW's headquarters in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and an English headquarters in Crowborough, East Sussex. He moved to Florida, and he now travels between these locations at will. He is a mid-Atlantic man with an accent to match, half Welsh liit, half North American twang.

r Davies saw the annual slaughter of seals, when the whitecoats were battered and skinned in their thousands -- sometimes while still alive - but has never followed a foxhunt or met any foxhunters.

So why has he turned his attention to them? And why now? 'I have been looking for a political situation where there was the possibility of raising animal welfare up the agenda of the various political parties, and Britain at this time is just perfect," he says.

"We have an election coming up soon, where the government is likely to change hands for a handful of seats, and these seats will change hands for a handful of votes. It is the perfect situation to try and move animal welfare along in a political sense, and demon-strate to politicians that there are votes in it."

Mr Davies's talents are those of the American political lobbyist, and he is as pragmatic as they come. Foxhunting, for him, is a means to an end, the issue which just now is capable of dragging animal welfare behind it into a mainstream position on the British political agenda. Not that he is slow in condemning the hunt.
"I think it's an awful, wicked



Animal politician: Brian Davies has bought access to the main party leaders by contributing to their funds. Bottom right, his £1 million advertising campaign

thing to be doing, foxhunting. Chasing foxes with, what, forty horses, forty dogs, to catch them and, one way or another, tear them to pieces. It's just a wicked, awful thing to do." he says.

As cruel as the seal hunt? "In terms of numbers, no. In terms of the violence inflicted on the animals, absolutely."

He does not work in an emotional way, however, and will not be found with the saboteurs, shouting at the meet. His way of effecting change, he says, is through the democratic political process. The shires had better beware: this is a

new kind of animal, whose most evident attributes are lobbying skills, pragmatism and serious

These have quickly brought him an astonishing range of political access. In the past year, IFAW has donated £100,000 to the Labour party, £68,000 to the Tories, and £20,000 to the Liberal Democrats. in each case with no strings attached. This has resulted in meetings and photo-opportunities with John Major and Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, two meetings with Neil Kinnock, and two with Paddy Ashdown.

Tory pro-hunting diehards are unlikely to realise that pictures of all of them adorn his latest mail shots seeking yet more funds for the hunting fight. One shows a smiling Mr Major, who abstained in the recent hunting vote in the Commons, shaking Mr Davies

warmly by the hand: Mr Davies says he has no particular political allegiance and does not care which party bans hunting, as long as one of them does. However, he admits IFAW's present campaign needs more than just advertisements: it needs a party — and at the moment itcan only be Labour -- actively to seek votes with a strong antihunting policy. Last week an IFAW-commissioned MORI poll offered the bait in 52 key marginals, it said, the Conservatives could lose if anti-hunting Tories switched to Labour.

Labour will unveil its latest animal welfare campaign today, but even if the party fails to come out strongly against hunting, Mr Davies says he will not be

"We will be here at the next election, and the next, and the next," he says. "If Labour loses, I ship in historically marginal seats. and my guess is that over four to five years I could produce 2,000 to 3,000 people in each marginal who will vote, and encourage others to vote, for candidates who are opposed to hunting. I suspect that eventually the Conservative party might have a change of mind on this issue, but whether it does or doesn't, it's an issue that won't go away.

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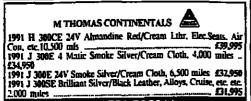
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La Golf

THE new Volkswagen Golf has been chosen as the What Car? magazine's 1992 Car of the Year. Women were the first to be asked to the showrooms to see the model, which came on to the British market this week. Half of Golf buyers are women and the company sets aside a day for them to visit showrooms exclusively. Prices of the car range from a little less than £9,400 to £19,199.

Other What Car? awards in-cluded: best value car, Ford Fiesta i.l: best small hatchback, Peugeot 106XT; best company car, BMW 318i; best hot hatchback, Nissan Sunny GTi; best sporting saloon, Subaru Legacy 2.0 Turbo 4wd; best executive car. Saab 9000CS 2.0i; best sports, VW Corrado G60; best all-terrain, Vauxhall Frontera; best estate, Mitsubishi Spacewagon; best high performance, Honda NSX; best diesel, Citroën ZX 1.9D Avantage; best security award, Vauxhall Motors.

Britain converts

SALES of cars with catalytic converters doubled in Britain last year. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says 1991 sales were 276,760, about 17 per cent of all new cars sold. The society says public awareness of "cats" is growing quickly. Fourth-quarter sales of the clean cars were 24 per cent higher than in the last three months of 1990.

Bags of safety

BMW is offering air bags as an option on all its cars. The bag, packed in the steering wheel, is triggered by impact and inflates instantly to cushion the driver's head. It then deflates immediately to allow the driver to escape from the car. The bags cost £745.

Top people's cars go hi-tech

Kevin Eason, at the Geneva Motor Show, discovers how Aston, Rolls-Royce and Jaguar aim to survive the new climate

tin Lagonda's exhibition stand could not have provided a bigger contrast.

Marooned among high-technology cars shaped like darts was a pair of muscular hand-built sports cars. They could have come from another planet, so different in

culture were Aston's big bruisers. Even the launch of a new model seemed an anachronism in the caring, environmentally aware 1990s. The company unveiled an estate version of its Virage sports

car called the Shooting Brake.

Apart from the distinction of a £165,000 price, about the cost of 16 Ford Escorts, the Shooting Brake also stood out as the only model on view at the Geneva Motor Show with a purpose built gunbox, complete with shotgun.
If the theme of the show was the challenge of the future, Aston's hunting, shooting and fishing estate car seemed a throwback to a distant past when the super-rich could indulge in wood and leather luxury motoring.

The trouble is that the super

he view from Aston Mar- rich have not been reaching into their pockets with much enthusiasm lately, so that Britain's luxury motor business has been hit hard. Aston built 235 cars in its best year of 1989 but this year it will make only about 150.

> Rolls-Royce executives were hoping the company would build 2,000 cars this year, although that would be well below the 1989 record of 3,300. There was also Jaguar, sales

down by 40 per cent and strug-

Across the aisle at the show,

gling to justify the £1.6 billion that Ford paid for the business. Jag-uar's exhibition star was the XJ220, which is £350,000 worth of sleek supercar and is capable of almost 220mph. Those three symbols of all that was best in British motoring are now battling for survival. Some analysts think they may not win

that battle in an age when the trend is towards the utilitarian. and developing cars that are cleaner and more economical. Mazda showed off its little HR-X hydrogen-powered car. The car



Just the job if you have £165,000: the Aston Martin Shooting Brake, now on display at Geneva introduce new productivity meauses an adapted version of thirsty British luxury cars. Where

Mazda's rotary engine, and the only emission from the tail pipe is water. Mazda says the car could be in production before 2000. Ford and General Motors,

which includes Vauxhall, showed electrically powered cars. Bob Eaton, GM's Europe president, says there is no doubt that the battery car will be in use long before the end of the century. Then there were those bulky,

is their place in 2000? Walter Hayes, the only Briton to sit on Ford's main board and now

running Aston, readily defines a role for cars that embody some of the world's finest skills. Aston has never made big profits but Mr Hayes is unwilling

to change a business that takes 1,500 hours to make a car, including 56 hours on the hand-

sures and bring the Aston into line

with its futuristic competitors?

Mr Hayes says: "Cuning corners and changing the basic way the car is made is not what Aston is about. An Aston is something special. It is not bought in comparison with other cars but only because it is an Aston."

Rolls-Royce also counters the environmental argument against super luxury cars by pointing out 2,000 to 3.000 cars a year out of world vehicle production of 35 million. Petrol consumed by a 6.7litre Rolls-Royce is a pinprick on global consumption figures.

Of 11,430 Astons and Lagondas made since 1914, there are 8,500 still on the road, emphasising their ability to outride the motor industry's fads and

That does not mean, however, that Aston or Rolls-Royce must not change. Both are adopting new technologies to their needs.

Aston is using the brains of the Ford company to develop Aston muscle and Mr Hayes is getting the Detroit company's specialists involved in projects for the tiny manufacturer at Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire. Rolls-Royce has introduced the

world's first electronically con-trolled active ride suspension system, which constantly balances the car, a system developed by just four men at the manufacturers' factory in Crewe, Cheshire.

The marriage of technology to traditional skills is not an unhappy one and will salvage the future of the British luxury motor industry. Mr Hayes is certain the industry will survive and prosper, satisfying

the tastes of the few who can buy

Rover unveiled its first coupé for 20 years at the Geneva show. The car is the flagship for the 800 range, intended to compete with BMW and Mercedes. Rover wants the coupé to stand out from the crowd. Using the Honda-built 2.7-litre V6 overhead camshaft with four valves per cylinder and catalytic converter, and is available with five speed manual gearbox or four-speed automatic. The car accelerates from 0 to 60 in 8.2 seconds (manual), has a top speed of 133mph(manual), and fuel consumption of 22.1 miles to the gallon in town.

Spies in the showroom

YOUR Vauxhall dealer may at any moment face an under-cover customer sent by the company to find out how well he treats potential buyers, Kevin Eason writes.

Vauxhall's "mystery buyers", as they are known, check all 600 dealers every three months. They come from an independent agency with the brief to find out whether salesmen do their job properly or use the Arthur Daley tactics of offering discounts at the expense of what the customer needs. The results are given to the dealer for guidance in his business. Even tape recordings of telephone conversations with salesmen are played back.

Peter Batchelor, Vauxhall's sales and marketing director, says dealers have discovered whether they are making serious mistakes. The checks become particularly important for Vauxhall as it tries to change some of the psychology of buying a car in Britain.

New car sales have been built on discounting. The salesmen

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knew whether customers expected to negotiate prices before they entered the showroom. Under that system salesmen categorised their buyers, from the hard-nosed type unwilling to sign without squeezing the last penny of discount from the dealership, to the people called "vicars' wives", who never request a discount.

Vauxhall is trying to eliminate the unfairness with a fixed-price system giving dealers a fixed profit on every car. Instead of the dealer taking 17 per cent of the price and then discounting,

Vauxhall has pinned the margin to a flat 10 per cent on some of its cars. The scheme, started with the new Astra, was greeted with scepticism. Mr Batchelor is having the last laugh because Astra es are far higher than last year's and the model is now a best seller. The policy has been extended to Carlton and Frontera models and will be extended to other new cars

as they are introduced. The drawback for the salesman is that the old tactics of using only discounting as an attraction has to be abandoned in favour of pointing out cars' other qualities to

After six months, the scheme is such a success that Vauxhall is considering extending it to study its head office. Mystery buyers could even call executives, including perhaps Mr Batchelor, to see how well he does his job. "Why not?" he says. "This method shows us how we can improve our business and why should that not

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Justices cannot stay care order

Before Mr Justice Ewbank [Judgment February 28]

Family Division

Justices had no power to grant a

the Children Act 1989. Where a child was truanting from school it was open to justices to conclude that the conditions required for the making of a care order had been satisfied.

Mr Justice Waite so held in the Family Division dismissing a child's appeal against a care order granted by Maidenhead Justices to Berkshire County Council.

Mr David G. P. Turner for the child; Miss Gillian Brasse for the local authority: Mrs Diane Barnett for the guardian ad litem: Miss Cherry Harding for the

MR JUSTICE EWBANK said that the care order had been made because of the child's failure to go to school. The justices had then granted a stay of the order pending an appeal.

The Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 had had a specific

provision whereby a court could grant a stay of execution of an order made under that Act. Under the 1989 Act the only power to grant a stay was under section 40 which was of no relevance to a stay once a care order had been made.

The local authority and the guardian ad litem argued that nistices did not have an inherent jurisdiction to grant a stay and in power they had no such power.

It appeared to his Lordship that that argument was compelling and that justices did not have such a power. Accordingly, if an appeal was being considered against a care order and a stay was required, the proper course was to apply to the High Court where provision was made for a judge to be available at any time to deal with such applications.

Mr Turner had argued that under the 1989 Act a care order was not the appropriate way to deal with truancy from school. Truancy had been a specific ground for making a care order Persons Act 1969 but it was not a specific ground under the 1989

Education supervision orders under section 36 of the 1989 Act had been introduced to deal with children who did not so school. Therefore, it was argued, the local education authority should have made an application under that-

It was clearly correct that in an ordinary case an education super-vision order should be the first sten to be taken to secure a child's attendance at school.

The local authority had argued, however, that there had been no point in asking the court to make such an order because everything that could have been done under the order had already been tried. In his Lordship's judgment, there was much force in that and on the facts the local authority had been right not to make such an application.

As to whether the conditions under section 31 of the 1989 Act had been met, it had been entirely open to the justices to conclude

social development was suffering and that she was thereby suffering sienificant harm.

If a child was not going to school and was missing her edu-cation it was not difficult to draw the conclusion that if she had gone to school she would have improved her social and intellec-

In relation to whether the harm was significant it was necessary to compare the child with a child with similar intellectual and social development who had gone to school and not merely, as suggested by Mr Turner, with an average child who might or might not have gone to school.

Where a child had suffered harm from not going to school it would follow that either the child was beyond parental control or the parents were not giving the child the care that reasonable

Solicitors: Gardner Leader, Newbury; Mr R. W. J. Garbett, Reading: Griffiths Robertson, Reading. Kidd Rapinet,

Sums held in common fund

Vaughan and Others v Bar-low Clowes International Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice [Judgment July 17]

Sums invested in Barlow Clowes International Ltd (BCI) Portfolio Nos 28 and 68 were part of a common fund and therefore the remaining assets would be held on trust for all unpaid investors pari passu rateably in proportion to the amounts due to them and the rule in Clayton's Case ((1816) i Mer 572) would not apply.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Mr G.-C. Robson on behalf of various investors in BCI against an order of Mr Justice Peter Gibson that assets held in specified investment accounts were held on trust for investors who upon the application of the rule in Clayton's Case could be shown to be entitled to trace into such sums.

Judgment was given in July but not released for publication until conclusion of criminal ecdings against those indved in the management of Barlow Clowes.

Mr Robert Walker, QC and Mr David Unwin for Mr Robson; Mr Michael Hart, QC and Mr Michael Nield for Chiltington Ltd., on behalf of investors opposing the appeal; Mr Mark Lucraft for the Serious Fraud Office.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON

the transaction as the investors intended it to be at the outset were mixed in a bank account as a result of a series of deposits the money was regarded as having being withdrawn in the same

order as it had been deposited.

It was submitted for the appellant that all investors who contributed to the two portfolios were contributing to common funds in which all investors were to participate and that by analogy with Re British Red Cross Balkan Fund [1914] 2 Ch 419) and Re Hobourn Aero Components Ltd Air Raid Distress Fund [1946] Ch 86], Clayton's Case should not

it was therefore necessary to consider the basis on which investors contributed to the port-

The wording on the application forms seemed to be compatible with investment in a scheme of the nature of a unit trust in gilts and not merely with investment on the basis that earmarked investments would be held for the sole account of the investor.

What was envisaged was some form of common fund in which all investors would in some way participate.

Moneys which had been contributed for investment but which had not been invested by the time BCI went into liquidation were to be regarded as the

uninvested part of the common conclusion, after considerable hesitation, because it was nec-

when they paid their money to BCI not the very different circumstances of the actual outcome, of which, when they contributed. they knew nothing. For the same reason moneys

which had been misapplied in the purchase of a yacht were also part of the common investment fund. Accordingly Clayton's Case as not to be applied in the distribution of the available assets and money. His Lordship rejected Mi

Walker's wider submission that while the rule in Clayton's Case was valid and useful where what was in question was the appropriation of payments as between the parties to a running account. it was illogical and unfair to the earlier contributors to apply the rule as between innocent beneficiaries, whose payment to a third party had been paid by that third party into a bank account in which there were, for whatever reason, not enough moneys left to

met all claims.
The decisions of the Court of Appeal established and recognised a general rule of practice that Clayton's Case was to be applied when several benefi-ciaries' moneys had been blended in one bank account and there was a deficiency.

It was not for the court to reject

and Sir Christopher Slade) so held on February 24 in dismiss-

ing an appeal by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries pic from an

order made by Mr Justice Roch

LORD JUSTICE DILLON

said that if the secretary of state

was not satisfied the proposed development could not be carried

out on non-green belt land, he was not required to carry out a further balancing exercise to con-

sider the degree of damage to the

green belt that the proposed

on November 2, 1990.

that long established general LORD JUSTICE WOOLF.

1 While the rule in Clayton's Case was prima facie available to determine the interests of investors in a fund to which their investments had been paid, the use of the rule was a matter of convenience and if its application in particular circumstances would be impractical or result in injustice between the investors it would not be applied if there was a preferable alternative.

2 Here the rule would not be applied because that would be contrary to either the express, inferred or presumed intention of the investors.

If the investments were required by the terms of the investment contract to be paid into a common pool that indicated that the investors did not intend to apply the rule.

If the investments were intended to be separately invested, as a result of their being collectively misapplied by BCI a common pool was created. Because of their shared misfortune the invesiors would be assumed to have intended the rule not to apply.

3 As the rule was inapplicable the approach which should be adopted by the court depended on which of the possible alternative solutions was the most practicable circumstances the pari passu

Lord Justice Leggatt delivered a concurring judgment

Solicitors: Clyde & Co: Clifford

Extension of time to appeal

Ready Mixed Concrete (Thames Valley) Ltd and Another v Director General of Fair Trading

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Steyn and Sir Christopher

[Judgment February 27] Two companies which had pleaded guilty to contempt of the Restrictive Practices Court would be allowed an extension of time to appeal where the legal basis on which their plea was tendered had subsequently been shown to be

The Court of Appeal so held in granting applications by Ready Mixed Concrete (Thames Valley) Ltd and Pioneer Concrete (UK) Ltd for leave to appeal out of time against their convictions for contempt of court in the Restrictive Practices Court (The Times October 15, 1990; [1991] ICR 52).

Mr Stewart Boyd, QC and Mr Paul Smith for Ready Mixed Concrete: Mr Michael Crystal, QC and Mr Christopher Vajda for Pioneer; Mr Stephen Richards for the District Congol of Print the Director General of Fair

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that in the Restrictive Practices Court the applicants and two other companies had pleaded guilty to breaching undertakings or injunctions against contravening the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976. They had rendered their pleas

on the basis of legal advice, which was that they were vicariously liable for the actions of their employees. One of the convicted companies, Smiths Concrete Ltd.

The Court of Appeal in In re supply of Ready Mixed Concrete (The Times July 26, 1991; [1991] '3 W.R. 707) had quashed Smiths' conviction, deciding that mere vicarious liability was not enough to establish contempt by a comto establish contempt by a com-pany where it had prohibited its employees from acting in breach of the injunction and had taken adequate steps to ensure that the prohibition was observed.

The applicants had pleaded guilty on advice which was reasonable at the time and had acted reasonably promptly once the law had been settled by the House of Lords refusing the House of Lords remaing the director general leave to appeal in In re supply of Ready Mixed Concrete. The director general had not been prejudiced by the failure to appeal on time save that what might have been regarded as a closed case would be re-

Lord Justice Steyn and Sir Christopher Slade agreed. Solicitors: Linkdaters & Paynes: Clifford Chance; Treasury

Different test appropriate

`Regina v Legal Aid Board, Ex parte Hughes Before Mr Justice Kennedy **Judgment February 211**

A legal aid committee, when satisfying themselves that an ap-plicant had reasonable grounds for taking proceedings for ju review so as to be eligible for legal aid, did not apply the same test as a single judge deciding whether to

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application for judicial review by Gina Marie Hughes of the decision of the North West Area Committee of the Legal Aid Board dismissing her appeal from the refusal by the area director of her application for legal aid for her application for judicial review.

Mr George Warr for the applicant; Mr Charles Utley for the

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY said that on February 20, 1991 the area director had refused her application for legal aid for her to challenge a local authority's de-cision that she was intentionally homeless since she had not satisfied the board, as require under section 15 of the Legal Aid Act 1988 that she had reaso grounds for taking, defending or being party to proceedings

On March 17, 1991 Mr Justica. Popplewell gave her leave, on consideration of the papers only.

apply for judicial review. On April 23, 1991 the area committee of the legal aid board, who had been told of the judge's against the area director's de-cision. Mr Warr submitted that once

Mr warr submitted that drice the a judge had given leave to apply for judicial review, no committee acting reasonably could refuse legal aid on the grounds given, the "legal merits test". It would be challenging the decision of the single judge (R v Legal Aid Committee, Ex parte Rondel ([1967] 2 QB 482, 491)).

Utley's submission that the board had to apply a different test from that of the single judge. The board was deciding whether or not proceedings should be funded, a matter with which the judge was

Mr Utley's submission that even if the tests were the same the area committee still had a duty separately to evaluate the applicaseparately in evaluate the applica-tion for legal aid seemed to his Lordship unanswerable. It was rare for committees to take a different view from the single judge but the decision of the committee was not irrational. Solicitors: Mr Paul Johnson.

Protection purpose Re-trial three years of regulations

Regina v Sanyo Electrical Manufacturing (UK) Ltd

The purpose of the Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regula-tions (SR & O 1908 No 1312) and (SR & O 1944 No 739) was to protect employees against do-ing things which, by reason of inadvertence or lack of attention, they would not normally do. Mr Justice Rose, sitting in the

Court of Appeal with Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Potts, on February 24, so stated in the judgment of the court dismis ing an appeal by Sanyo Electric Manufacturing (UK) Ltd against two fines each of £10,000 im-posed at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court by Mr Recorder Anton Lodge, QC, on pleas of guilty to two offences of contravention of regulation 2 and the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 in failing to prevent danger from electrical conductors at their factory at Newton Aycliffe, Durham, assembling

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Green belt damage

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Another The Secretary of State for the Environment was under no duty to consider the possible damage to the green belt before turning down an application for planning permission for developmen within the green belt on the basis that the proposed development could be carried out outside the

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Steyn

so stated on February 21 after Regina v Grafton (Steven) allowing appeals by Steven Nicholas Grafton and Anthony Regina v Grafton (Anthony) Horace Grafton against their It was not unfair to order a re-trial even three and a half years after convictions in February 1990 at Chelmsford Crown Court (Judge the relevant events took place. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Leggan, Mr Justice Hunchison and Mr Justice Laws) Beaumont, QC) of burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary, for which they each received total sentences of 10 years

later not unfair

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that in R v Saunders ((1973) 58 Cr App R 248) it had been held that it was not in the interests of justice to order a re-trial three had taken place.

However, that was nearly 20 years ago and it was now much more common for trials to take

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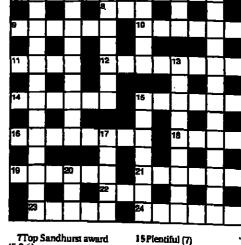
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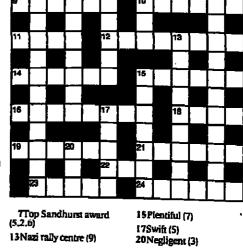
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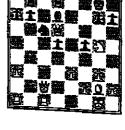
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wordsmiths (512)

4.30 Seabrook's Year. The second of a five-part series following a year in the life of Richard Seabrook, shapherd and freelance farmworker. This attarnoon — spring (r) (895)

5.00 A Question of Sport. With Roger Black, Bill Beaumont, Grany Leng, Craig Chalmers, Alan Smith and Gary Wildmson (r). (Cestax) (s) (1693) 5.30 Top Gear. Includes a look at the challenge faced by

Ford's XR3i; the new tyre-tread depth regulations; and a journey through California in a Mustang (148)
6.00 Thunderbirds. Cult space-age puppet series created by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. (Ceefex) (465419)
6.50 Dr Who. Episode one of the Sea Devils, a six-part adventure from

the 1970s with Jon Pertwee in the title role. (Ceefax) (525/61)
Open Space: London — A Call For Action. Shadowarts minister
Mark Fisher, MP, and architect Sir Richard Rogers follow the Thames from east to west on a double-decker bus and point out where they think urban planning has failed (393148) 8.00 Public Eye, John Andrew reports from Manchester on one

council's fight to collect the poll tax and the long-term impact of non-payment (7877)

Gardeners' World. Stephen Lacey looks at herbs in his quest for garden fragrance; and Geoff Hamilton demonstrates new methods of pruning roses (9612)



Comic anecdotes, songs and sketches: Victoria Wood (9.00pm)

9.00 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV. More comedy from Victoria Wood's first series shown in 1986. With Julie Walters, Celia Imrie and Dora Bryan (r) (6506)

9.30 Arene: Croatia — the Artists' War.

CHOICE: A loosely structured but often poignant film from

Yugoslavia shows how artists in Croatia have been responding to the largest land war in Europe since 1945. Parily it is the story of the Art Brigade, a group of actors, poets, painters and musicians formed to fight on the front line. Forbidden by the Croatian government to take up arms, the group entertains troops with a travelling cabaret while still prepared to join the battle if necessary. Meanwhile the 70-year-old Ivan Rabuzin, Croatia's leading artist, ponders the war from the isolation of the village he has never left. ponders the war from the solution of the visage he has never left.
His paintings, stylised representations of the beauty of nature, are
being stored underground for safety. His house is bare without
them. He hopes he will live to see the conflict resolved (40051)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (126631)

11.15 What the Papers Say presented by Richard Littlejohn of The Sun
(387490), Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.45-12.00 What the

Papers Say

11.30 Scrutiny, lain McWhirter examines the work of partial committees (71524) 12.00 Weather (7415484) 12.05am Film: Where the Sun Beats (1989) starring Laura Morante.

Portuguese drama about a young man who goes to visit his married sister on her husband's farm and discovers hidden passions amid the rural idyll. Directed by Joaquim Pinto (7340910).

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ITV VARIATIONS

8.**00 TV-am** (3750631) 9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game presented by Lennie Bennett (9395167) 9.55 Themes News (6250254) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a topical

discussion (6/USS31)
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series (45/8148)
12.10 Rainbow. Learning series for pre-achool children (9471506)
12.30 News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (7850148) 1.10 Thames News (77213051)
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (63893167) 1.50 A Country Practice

discussion (6709631)

(9) (96026167) 2.20 Highway to Heaven. Michael Landon sters as the apprentice

angel, here helping a father come to terms with his long-time

angel, here helping a tather come to terms with his long-time unconscious son. With Eil Wallach (7328148)

3.15 ITN News headlines (3752341) 3.20 Thames News headlines (3759254) 3.25 The Young Doctors (8130506)

3.55 Certoon featuring Porky Pig (r) (4794490) 4.05 Tiny Toon Adventures. Cartoon (5001167) 4.25 Truckers. Animated adventure series (5246273) 4.40 Spatz. Comedy drama series set in a feet Lond meeting of the Control of the Contr in a fast-food restaurant (3859457)

5.10 Home and Away (r) (Oracle) (8827896)
6.40 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (850631)
5.55 6 O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough and Joanna Sheldon:
Among tonight's guest are musician and comedy actor Dudley
Moore and comedians Hale and Pace (866780) 8.55 The Day.
Twenty-four bury in the lift of an ordinace cities (160020).

Twenty-four hours in the life of an ordinary citizen (160983) 7.00 The Help Squad. Viewers problems tackled by Michael Parkin and his team (8983)

8.00 Surgical Spirit. Benign hospital comedy staring Nichola McAuliffe as an imperious consultant causing trouble for the rest of the hospital staff. (Oracle) (7631)

8.30 Second Thoughts. Perceptive comedy starting James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as a couple contemplating marriage for the second time. This week they wonder if the romance has gone out of their lives since they have started living together. (Oracle) (a)



Rich pickings: John Stride tempts Rosalind Bennett (9.00pm)

 CHOICE: For all its attempts to invoke Faust, fortune telling and other excursions into the mythological and the supernatural, Fay Weldon's drama is looking increasingly like a piece of standard feminism. Having failed their A levels, her three heroines are even more determined to escape their dull East Anglian town. The script hardly offers them a rich range of choice. Carmen (Rosalind Bennett) is at least spirited enough to resist the rich and insecure Sir Benard (John Stride), only to end up in a chicken factory. Laura (Caroline Harker) is heading for a shotgun marriage to the boy next door and Annie (Claire Hackett) looks like falling victim to a New Zealand sheep farmer. And all the while the Devil lurks, in the sinister guise of chauffeur Martin Kerno. The girls seem not to have a chance, though there are four more episodes to go. (Oracle) (s)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle)

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10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Philips investigates whether the government's education reforms are working in London (471693)
11.15 Married . . . with Children. Domestic comedy (946803)
11.45 Dial Midnight. Phone in show including a dating service and an in-house psychic. Plus guest Dudley Moore (182612)
1.05am The James Whale Radio Show. The irascible chat show hosts makes life uncomfortable for another collection of phone in collection (c) 124003711

hosts makes life uncomfortable for another collection of phone-in callers (s) (2403571)

2.10 American Gladiators. More tests of muscle and ingenuity (5192200) 3.16 Cinemattractions. The latest news from the American movie scene (37806945)

3.40 Raw Power. Rock video magezine (s) (4471113)

4.35 Gentison's Gorilles. Second world war drama series about a group of irregular American army men on active service in Europe behind enemy lines (6308026)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (99620). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3758273) 9.25 Schools (54145963) 12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sarah Baxter. Includes Sir Robin Day interviewing a leading politician (23780) 12.30 Business Daily. The latest news and comment from the world's

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1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series (70186)
2.00 Film: Virginia City (1940, b/w). The Errol Flynn season continues with this civil war western in which Flynn plays a Union officer ordered to prevent a shipment of gold reaching the Southern lines. A strong supporting cast includes Randolph Scott, Humphrey Bogart and Miriam Hopkins. Directed by Michael Curtiz (40734593)
4.15 Film: Joe McDoakes (1940, b/w). Comedy short starring George O'Hanion as a man who sets out to break all the casino banks from Les Vegas to Monte Carlo (5248631)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents another round of the

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words and numbers game (a) (964)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Looking for Billy. A documentary about his family's search for Billy Dunne, who disappeared without trace in Dublin in the 1007 but here rises have the control of Dublin in June 1987 but has since been in contact following Monday's programme (r) (5896)

6.00 Happy Days. Nostalgic high school comedy series set in 1950s Milwaukee, starring Henry Winkler (457)

6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Includes singer Barry White (s)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Dermot Murraghan and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (201693) 7.50 First Reaction (453490)

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8.00 Brookelde. Soap set in suburban Merseyside (Ceefax) (s) (5273)
8.30 Short Stories: Stranger in the Family.

© CHOICE: Ewa Cieszewska's film is hardly comfortable viewing but brain damage is not a comfortable subject. Neil Fitzwilliam had a busy life as an actor, dancer and charity worker when he was involved in a serious car accident. He made an almost complete physical recovery but sustained brain injuries that changed his personality. His wife, Adrienne, and two young sons have to endure a Jekyll and Hyde character, sweet and tender one moment and impossibly abusive the next. He cannot work and has little memory. The film records with stark intimacy Neil's rages and

ittle memory. The film records with stark initimacy lives a raiges and Adrienne's anguish and is powerful testimony to the willingness of ordinary people to expose their inner lives to the camera (4780) 9.00 Cheers. More Boston bar-room comedy starring Ted Danson, Kirstie Alley and, tonight, Celeste Holm. (Teletaxt) (s) (4902) 9.30 Flowering Passions. Gardening series presented by Anna Pavord. This week top growers pick their blooms for the Chesterfield Chrysenthemum and Dahlia show (r). (Teletaxt) (52157)



Making light of serious issues: Roseanne Arnold (10.00pm)

 CHOICE: Roseanne Barr is now called Roseanne Arnold and her ● CHOICE: Roseanne Barr is now called Roseanne Arrold and her figure is a little trimmer, but addicts of the show can be assured that otherwise nothing has changed. Rasping one-liners, often followed by pregnant silences, are still the style as we follow the all-American blue-collar family through ~its tensions and embarrassments. The main source of conflict tonight is over teenage daughter Becky's desire to go on the ptill. It is a classic example of Roseanne's ability to use the comedy format for a serious issue. We laugh but this is really no joke. As always the strengths of the show include the economy of the writing, which menages the maximum wit from the fewest words, and the perfect manages the maximum wit from the fewest words, and the perfect straight man in John Goodman as Roseanne's lumbering husband.

(Teletext) (s) (31709)

10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? Ad-lib comedy series hosted by Clive Anderson. With Ryan Stiles and Greg Proops (40457)

11.00 The Word, With guests including actress Tara Fitzgerald and the Red Hot Chilli Peppers (s) (12235)

12.00 Film: Pink Floyd — The Wall (1982). The Rock on the Box season

continues with Alan Parker's musical drama based on the Pink Floyd album "The Wall" centred on the life of a pop star, played by

Bob Geldof (711991) 1.45em Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (76303). Ends at 2.15

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e Vis the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 8,00am The DJ Kat Show (60701167) 8,40 Mrs Pepperpol (6570419) 8,55 Playabutt (6876329) 1,00 Carbons (7675463) 9,30 The New Letwe it to Beaver (19099) 10,00 Maude (42902) 10,30 The Young Doctors (70512) 11,00 The Bold and the Beautiful (2008) 4,50 The Young and the Beautiful (70612) 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (20305) 11.30 The Young and the Residess (26542) 12.30pm Berneby Jones (16254) 1.30 Another World (9821436) 2.20 Santa Berbers (545540) 2.2.5 Wite of the Week (432148) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (422761) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (7519863) 5.00 Diffrent Stockes (3833) 5.30 Benktiched (3165) 8.00 Facts of Ute (9029) 6.30 Candid Carrens (4051) 7.00 Love at First Sight (3457) 7.30 Perket Lewis Can't Lose (8855) 8.00 Rags To Richas (42241) 9.00 Hunter (39877) 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling (32954) 11.00 Freddy's Nightmare: Lucky Skift. Robert England stars as Fraddy Krueger (52185) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

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2.50 Artzona Heat (1988): Two detectives search for a husal killer (\$398303)
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RADIO 5

News on the hour until 7,00pm, 8,00am World Service 6.30 Danny Baker's Morning Edition 9.00 Schools: Topic Resources 9-11, 9.15
English 9-11; 9.25 The Music Box: 9.45 Something to Think About; 10.00 Music Workshop 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Carbbean Magazine 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BF9S Worldwide: Simon and the Squed 2.30 World Service. Global Concerns; 2.45 The International Money Programmer, 3.05 Cuttook, 3.30 Focus on Feith, 4.05 Network UK 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 A Fishbone of Ferrytales: The Charmed Life, by E Nesbit 7.30 Stage Five (new series) Darren Day visits: Boundstone Community College in Lancing, Sussex, in his search to-Bream's future stars (1 ol 12) 8.00 Multitrack I 8.30 Vibe-line 9.30 They Think It's All Over. Sports quzz 10.10 Rave, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News. Sport

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Boyce (Symphony No 7 in B flat: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Ronald Thomaa); Telemann (Don Quixote) 7.30 Meets

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Wiren (Serenade for Strings):
Falla (Herpsichord Concerto):
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8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Thomas Taliis. Remember Not
(Taliis Scholars under Peter
Philips); Magorificent and
Nunc Dimittis (Choir of New
College, Oxford under Edward
Higginbotton); O secrum
convivium (Hilliard Ensemble);
Fantasia (Fretwork); Salvator
mundi | (Taverner Consort
under Parrott); Felix namque | under Parrott); Felix namque I (Robert Wooley, organ); Selvator mundi II; Spern in alium (Tavernar Choir under

Parrott)

9.35 A Scandinavian Sequence
Ludvig Norman (Overture, Antony and Cleopatra: Helsingborg SO under Hans-Peter Frank): Grieg (Two Waltz Caprices, Op 37: Anthony Goldstone and Caroline Clemmow, piano duet); Gade (Novelette No 1 for strings, Op 53: Aarhus CO under Ove Vedsten Larsen); Berwald (Minnen af Norska Fjällen, for piano duet); Hartm (Serande for clarinet, cello and piano, Op 24: Fynske Trio); Stenhammer (Florez och Blanzellor: Swedish RSO under Westerberg, with Ingvar Wixell, beritone);

Sinding (Suite for plane dust, Op 35) 11.25 BBC Philharmonic under Berhard Klee performs Britten (Four Sea Interludes, Peter Grimes); Strauss (Oboe Concerto: Maurice Bourgue); Brahms (Symphony No 4)

perform Schubert (Ganymed; Versunken; Erster Verlust; Auf dem See; Wilkommen und Abschledt; Wolf (Der Knabe und des Immelein;

und das immelein;
Begegnung; Der Jäger;
Verborgenheit; Abschied)
3.20 Youth Orchestra of the
World: Royal Northern College
of Music String Orchestra
under Malcolm Layfield
performs Suk (Serenade for
strings); John Adams (Shaker
Loope); Arthur Biss (Music for
strings), Introduced by leaders
of the violin, viola and cello
sections

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: From Cardiff, with Melcolm Singer 6.30 The Honky-Tonk Men: The second of five programmes. Francis Wilford Smith explores the work of the blues planist Walter Roland from Alabama 7.00 News.

Walter Roland from Alabama
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Andrew GrahamDixon chairs a discussion on
the role of memory-and
imagination in the work of
contemporary attists
7.30 BBC Welsh SC: Live from the
Brangwen Hall, Swansoa,
Tadaski Otaka conducts
Rossini (Averture, The Tadaaki Otaka conducts
Rossini (Overture, The
Thieving Magpie); Grieg (Piano
Concerto in A minor, Op 16;
Kathryn Stott), 8,10 Bo
Carpelan's Sibelius. During
the interval, Alastair Niven
considers the literature of
Finland, 8,30 Sibelius
(Symphony No 2 in D, Op 45)
9,25 Rosebud in the Snow: Philip
French exolores the

French explores the background to Orson Walles's Citizen Kene (r)

10.25 German Keyboard Music:
Continuing his exploration of keyboard music of the late Renaissance period, Timothy Roberts examines the Italian influence on German

Varèse talks about his pioneering work for orchestra and "magnetic lape of electronically organised sounds", which is then played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Hens Zender 11.36 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week Rossini (r) 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am)

(e) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, Incl 8.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought
for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in
Parliament

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue

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9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30am End of a Line (FM only): Village Blacksmith
9 CHOICE: Suffolk village blacksmith Hector Moors, one of a feet-disappearing bread, implies that he will go to his grave hugging the secrets of his ancient craft. But one or two do manage to slip out this morning, including the infallible method of getting a horse to lie down. Not everyone will want to try it out everyone will want to try it out because it means hanging grey toads from a bush until deed, beating them to a powder, and applying it to the beast's shoulder. Smithy lore apart. End of a Line is full of rustic common sense. To shoe a horse, says wise old Hector, you do not need to know what

you do not need to know what happened in 1056
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Sible (LW only): issiah, David Neal reads the 12th of 16 episodes
10.30 Women's Hour from the northeast. Includes a discussion on the future of coat; the drama and literature surrounding the mining.

coat; the drama and literature surrounding the mining inclustry; and a report on Thurcroft Colliery in south Yorkshire. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 The Natural History Programme: Botanist David Mitchell gives a plant's-eye view of nature 12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard

12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper 12.55 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 Classic Seriel: Buddenbrooks
— The Decline of a Family. The
third of a six-part adaptation
of Thomas Mann's novel (s) (r)

3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Force
explores the life of the 18thcentury writer Mary Delaney
through a new collection of

letters; and Emma Tennant, author of a new novel that retells the Faust legend, recalls her first book

her poetry (s)
4.45 Short Story: Mademe Zilinsky and the King of Finland, by Carson McCullers. Read by

9.45 Letter from America by

Alistair Cooke

18.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s).

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Last Days of William Shakespears, by Vedy Kociencich (finel part).

by Vlady Kociencich (final part)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with Sally Grace, Bill Walls, Alistek McGowan, and Chris Stanton (s)
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton (s)
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (L.W only)

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RADIO 4

4.00 News painter
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews painter
Maggi Hambling's exhibition
at the Bernard Jacobson
Gallery, talks to the planist
Fou 1s'ong; and Jean Binta
Breeze reads a selection of

Carson McCullers. Read by Shelley Thorropson (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Shr O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: The bransport programme visits the Geneva motor show
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 8.05 Pick of the Week (FM only), with Chris Serle only), with Chris Serle is joined in Hull by Goton Brown, trade and industry shedow spokesman; Juliet Lodge, European Worman of the Year; and Alan Sked, historian
8.50 Law In Action, with Marcel Berlins

8.50 Law in Process, Serins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Whose Bottom is it Anyway? Paul Allen talks to Mike McChane about his role in *The Pocket Dream* at the Nottingham Playhouse (s)



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